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Prayers

FOR

MARRIED PERSONS;

DAILY AND OCCASIONAL.

SELECTED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES,

CHIEFLY FROM

The Ancient Liturgies.

BOD. BIBLIOTHECA

TAKE WITH YOU WORDS, AND TURN TO THE LORD: SAY UNTO HIM,—TAKE AWAY ALL INIQUITY, AND RECEIVE US GRACIOUSLY; SO WILL WE RENDER THE CALVES OF OUR LIPS.

Hosea xiv. 2.

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WITHOUT ME
YE CAN DO NOTHING.

IF YE ABIDE IN ME,
AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU,
YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL,
AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU.

PREVENT US, O LORD, IN ALL OUR DOINGS WITH THY MOST GRACIOUS FAVOUR, AND FURTHER US WITH THY CONTINUAL HELP, THAT IN ALL OUR WORKS, BEGUN, CONTINUED, AND ENDED IN THEE, WE MAY GLORIFY THY HOLY NAME, AND FINALLY BY THY MERCY OBTAIN EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Communion Service.

TO BE CARNALLY MINDED
IS DEATH;
BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED
IS LIFE AND PEACE.

PREFACE.

Since holy matrimony was ordained in great part "for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity," it would not seem that many words were necessary to persuade all married persons who desire "to live together in godly love and honesty," and to "see their children christianly and virtuously brought up," how greatly the practice of praying together alone, once in the day, would conduce to their mutual help, comfort, and encouragement in holy living. Such persons should be well

aware of the numerous daily causes, which would render mutual confession, and mutual prayers for pardon, and for aid, as well in the regulation of their behaviour towards each other, as in the Christian government and training of their children and households, an exercise most comfortable and refreshing to the soul. To these, and to all who may be disposed to commence so desirable a practice, the following manual is offered, not without a hope that it may be found to assist their devotions: for which indeed some *form* seems absolutely indispensable.

The little book now presented to the reader has been formed out of a much larger collection of prayers, the result of several years' gradual accumulation, entirely for private use; collects having been added from time to time from various sources, as they were found suitable for the immediate pur-

pose, while a few were compiled or written for special requirement. It was not till it became necessary for the convenience of use to re-arrange the whole, that in the progress of this employment the thought occurred that these prayers might be useful to others; and with this object in view, they have subsequently been the more carefully selected and prepared. And here the valuable suggestions of a judicious and experienced friend, who most kindly consented to revise the press, are thankfully acknowledged.

To those who are acquainted with the ancient Liturgies, it will not appear surprising that all the prayers of a general nature, as Confession, Intercession, Thanksgiving, have been taken exclusively from those rich treasuries of Catholic devotion; to which indeed our own incomparable Liturgy is so much indebted, as to have led the learned Dean Comber to say, in his excellent and

just encomium of it, that "most of the words and phrases being taken out of the Holy Scriptures, the rest are the expressions of the first and purest ages; and in the opinion of the most impartial and learned Grotius, (who was no member of, nor had any obligation to this Church,) the English Liturgy comes so near to the primitive pattern, that none of the reformed churches can compare with it[a]."

The collects in this book which are suited exclusively for the use of married persons and parents, have been selected chiefly from English Authors, among whose works however they are but sparingly to be found.

The use of separate collects, each confined to its own, or to very kindred subjects, was deemed preferable to one prayer of greater length, necessarily embracing a variety of distinct subjects, whether more or

[a] Quoted by Wheatly in his "Original of the Book of Common Prayer." Ed. 1819, p. 34.

less mixed together, or in succession. And it need scarcely be said that for this form an unimpeachable authority, as well as an admirable model, presented itself in the Book of Common Prayer, suggesting at once the most obvious and necessary subjects, and the succession in which they should stand: Confession, the Lord's Prayer, Petitions for Divine Guidance and Protection, a Prayer for each other, Intercession for children and others, Thanksgiving, and a Prayer of Benediction.

It will be obvious, since the principal Course of prayer in this book is adapted for one part of the day only, (the evening having been selected as the period least liable to interruption,) that it is by no means intended or calculated to supersede the obligation under which every Christian father or master of a family is laid, of practising daily family devotion, as well by the reading (and

exposition if it may be) of a portion of Holy Scripture, as by the offering of prayer with his household—("as for me and my house we will serve the Lord[b];") far less the still more imperative duty and privilege of strictly private prayer, and daily self-examination,—that searching of heart, that inward discipline of the will, that earnest and sincere oblation and abandonment of the soul to God, with which no intercommunion of thought and feeling between two natures, however close and near, not even the oneness of aim, and hope, and faith, with which the marriage bond is often blessed and strengthened, must be allowed to interfere.

Although, however, the principal aim of this publication is to assist the joint devotions of husbands and wives, it is thought that it will add to its convenience to insert a

[b] Josh. xxiv. 15.

course of Morning Prayers for a week, which may be used by either of them in private: and these again are followed by prayers for the use of both together, suited to some of the various special occasions incident to the married state.

It only remains to commend this feeble work and labour of love, for such it has truly been to the writer, to the blessing of the All-mighty and All-gracious Disposer of hearts, humbly entreating Him that whatever comfort, advantage, and encouragement may have been experienced in the use of this manual in one instance, may be abundantly vouchsafed in many others.

THE LORD IS AT HAND.

BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING; BUT IN EVERY THING

BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN

UNTO GOD.

AND THE PEACE OF GOD,

WHICH PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING,

SHALL KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS

THROUGH CHRIST JESUS.

ADVERTISEMENT.

To avoid distraction of thought in the use of these prayers, it has been thought advisable not to indicate at full length after each collect the source from whence it was taken; but rather to adopt initials only, and to explain those signatures at the commencement of the book.

All those which are simply signed are taken without alteration from the works of their respective authors: but, as the compiler has not scrupled to take great liberties with the materials afforded by such ancient and modern works as he had the opportunity of consulting, in adapting to his immediate

purpose whatever he found suitable to the design in hand; he has prefixed in such instances the words From, or Partly from, to the initials, that the authors, while he desires to acknowledge his obligations to them, may not be held responsible for his alterations, though in some cases they may be inconsiderable.

This rule however has not been followed with respect to those marked A. L., which have been taken from the Ancient Liturgies. In the translation of these he found it convenient to use such freedom of alteration, omission, or general adaptation, that scarcely any one can be said to be a literal translation throughout. And this being understood, it was thought sufficient and preferable to place the before-mentioned initials in connection with them, with a letter added, to shew the exact Liturgy from which each collect was obtained.

A few of these Ancient Liturgies appear in an English translation by several hands in the well-known collection by Dr. Brett, 1720; but most of these, and many others, had been collected in two vols. 4to. by Renaudot, Paris, 1716.

An alphabetical list follows of those which have been used in this work.

A. L.; Ae. . . . Liturgia communis Æthiopum.

A. L.; B. { Liturgia Græca Sti. Basilii Alexandrina.
Liturgia Sancti Basilii Coptica.

A. L.; B.; A. M. . . Liturgia Basilii, ex versione Andreæ Masii.

A. L.; B. A. . Lit. Beattm. Appm. comp. a Sto. Adæo et Sto. Mari.

A. L.; C. . . . . Liturgia Sancti Cyrilli.

A. L.; J. C. . Liturgia Sti. Johannis Chrysostomi.

A. L.; C. R. . . Liturgia Sti. Clementis Romani.

A. L.; D. . Liturgia Dioscori, Patriarchæ Alexandrini.

A. L.; S. D. . . Liturgia S. Dionysii, Athenarum Episcopi.

A. L.; S. D. Ant. Lit. S. Dioscori, Episcopi Insulæ Cardon, sive Gordyæorum, Antioch.

A. L.; E. Liturgia Sti. Eustathii, Patr. Antiocheni.

A. L.; G. { Divina Liturgia Alex. Sti. Gregorii. / Liturgia Coptica Sancti Gregorii.

A. L.; I. . Liturgia Sti. Ignatii, Patr. Antiocheni.

A. L.; J. . Lit. Sti. Jacobi, Ap.; Fratris Domini.

A. L.; J. B. . Lit. Sti. Jacobi, Epi. Botnanensis.

A. L.; S. J., Ev. Liturgia Sti. Johannis, Evangelistæ.

A. L.; J. R. . . . . Liturgia Sti. Julii, Romani.

A. L.; M. . Divina Liturgia Sti. Apostoli et Evangelistæ Marci.

A. L.; S. M., Syr. Liturgia Syriaca Sti. Marci, Prædicatoris et Evangelistæ.

A. L.; Mar.; Syr. . Liturgia Syriaca St. Marutæ.

A. L.; M. B. . . . Liturgia Mosis Bar-cephæ.

A. L.; N. . . . . Liturgia Nestorii.

A. L.; O. C. Ordo Communis Lit. Secundum Ritum Syrorum Jacobitarum.

A. L.; S. P. . . . Liturgia Sti. Petri, Apostoli.

𝔄. 𝔏.; 𝔓𝔥. . . Liturgia Philoxeni Hieropolitani.

𝔄. 𝔏.; 𝔖. . . . . Liturgia Severi, Antiocheni.

𝔄. 𝔏.; 𝔛. . . . . Liturgia Xysti, Romani.

The Roman Signatures refer to the following works or authors.

A. . . . . Bishop Andrewes.

B. . . . . Thomas Becon.

E. B. Family Prayers, by the Rev. E. Bickersteth.

J. B. . . . . John Bradford.

C. . . . . Bishop Cosin.

G. C. Liturgy of the Greek Church, from S. Chrysostom, translated by Dr. King.

L. C. . Latin Collect, from Enchiridion Parentum, privately printed.

E. . . . . Ecbert, Archbishop of York, cir. 740.

C. G. Family Prayers, by the Rev. C. Girdlestone.

J. G.; H. Rev. J. Green, Author of some prayers in a collection by the Rev. C. Hodgson.

H. . . . . Bishop Hall.

H.; S. P. C. K. Prayers for Wives and Mothers, by the Rev. E. B. Hannam; published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

B. J. . . . . The Rev. B. Jenks.

K. . . . . The Rev. John Kettlewell.

M. . . Family Prayers, by the Rev. Dr. Moore.

P. P. B. . . . . The Pocket Prayer-book.

J. T. . . . . Bishop Jeremy Taylor.

IF TWO OF YOU

SHALL AGREE ON EARTH AS TOUCHING ANY THING

THAT THEY SHALL ASK,

IT SHALL BE DONE FOR THEM OF MY FATHER

WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE

ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME,

THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us day by day[a] our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Paraphrase from the Church Catechism.

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, Who art the Giver of all goodness; we humbly beseech Thee to send Thy grace unto us and to all people, that we may worship Thee, serve Thee, and obey Thee, as we ought to do. And we pray unto Thee to send us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies; and that Thou wouldst be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it may please Thee to save and defend us in all dangers ghostly and bodily; and to keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. And this we pray and trust Thou wilt do, of Thy great mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

[a] This expression, which occurs in St. Luke xi. 3, is preferred for use in the evening.

Evening Prayers

FOR A

HUSBAND AND WIFE

TOGETHER.

I WILL GIVE THEM ONE HEART,

AND ONE WAY,

THAT THEY MAY FEAR ME FOR EVER;

FOR THE GOOD OF THEM,

AND OF THEIR CHILDREN AFTER THEM.

FIRST WEEK.

Saturday Evening.

(*Eve of the Lord's Day.*)

For Pardon.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and of great pity and truth, Who takest away our iniquities, transgressions and sins; every day of the past week have we offended Thee in thought, word, and deed: O pardon and forgive us according to Thy goodness and loving-kindness. For if Thou art extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it! But with Thee is plenteous redemption; for Thou art the propitiation for our sins, the Light and Saviour of our souls.

Forgive us therefore all our offences, purge us from our sins, and write our names with those of all Thy saints in the kingdom of heaven, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

℟. ℣.; ℣.

Our Father, &c.

Intercession, and Prayer for Preparation for the Sabbath.

O Thou, Who hast brought us in safety to the close of another week, Who art the Pastor of Thy flock and the Dispenser of Divine knowledge; prepare us and all Thy people for Thy approaching Sabbath. Make glad with the light of Thy countenance the wise messengers of good tidings, the interpreters of the Divine law, and the guardians of the flock which was purchased by the blood of Thine only-begotten Son; (especially Thy servant N.—, who ministereth in this parish): and preserve in holiness us who follow their steps and emulate

their zeal. Pour on us and on all Thy people in this parish, a never-failing stream of pure doctrine, and make us worthy the vocation wherewith we are called: that in the last day, when sentence shall be pronounced, we may have our place assigned us at Thy right hand, to give Thee glory for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; S.

For each other.

O Thou Who fashionest all hearts, bless us Thy servants now kneeling before Thee, in our union. Unite both of us to Thy blessed Self as well as to each other, that our union may be in the Lord; and that it may not separate us from Thee, but bring us nearer to Thee. And grant, O Lord our God, that we may be lovers of one another's souls, and promoters of each other's salvation; so that after a short season of fellowship here,

we may meet again with rejoicing in Thy presence, and be blessed together in everlasting fellowship with Thee and with Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From B. J.

For their Children.

O Thou giver of all grace, grant us wisdom to instruct our dear children in Thy holy ways. Give us to use all parental and godly care and discipline over them. Enable us wisely, constantly, and in the spirit of love, as they are able to bear it, to set before them the truths of Thy word. And grant our children grace to attend to the instructions given to them. Help them to remember their Creator now in the days of their youth. Draw them to seek Thee while they are yet young, and so to obtain all the blessings of early finding Thee, through our only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

From E. B.

THANKSGIVING, AND PRAYER FOR PROTECTION.

O KING of kings and God of all; who is able to shew forth Thy power, and tell of all Thy praise? who is able to search out the depths of Thy love towards mankind?—For Thou, O Lord, after we had transgressed Thy command, didst suffer God the Word, Thine only-begotten Son, and the brightness of Thy glory, to become the Purchaser and Disposer of our salvation! Who, according to Thy good pleasure and voluntary purpose, took upon Himself the ransom for our sins, and through His meritorious propitiation opened for us the way to heaven. Keep us, O Lord, in peace and safety through this night; refresh us in soul and body; and prepare us for the renewed contemplation of these stupendous mercies on the approaching holy Sabbath: that we may confess, and admire, and adore Thee, O God the Father, and Thine only-begotten Son, and Thy holy, life-giving, and sanctifying Spirit, three Persons and one God, for evermore. Amen.

A. T.; S.

Benedictory Prayer.

O Lord, bless, keep, and defend us Thy servants with Thy heavenly grace and benediction; that we may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy holy Spirit more and more, until we come to Thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Sunday Evening.

Invocation and Intercession.

Be present, O Lord, with us and all Thy servants who have praised Thee and called upon Thy Name this day with us in Thy sanctuary. Bring us help, and guide us unto every good work. Raise our hearts above all earthly thoughts. Grant us so to live that we may savour the things that be of God, and yield ourselves unto Thee, as those that are alive from the dead. O Lord, Who blessest them that love Thee, and sanctifiest them that trust in Thee; save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage; and keep Thy Church in its fulness. Sanctify them that love the beauty of Thine house. Repay their love with glory by Thy Divine power; and forsake us not, O God, who hope in Thee, for the merits' sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

For Pardon and Protection.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Who hast shed Thy blood for the life of the world, and hast given up Thyself for the redemption and transforming of all, delivering us from the death in which we were held captive, sold under sin; hear us miserable sinners and unprofitable servants, while we pray for pardon. Look with an eye of pity upon us this evening, and absolve us from all iniquity, and all transgression and disobedience against Thy law and commandments; from all guilt of conscience also, and from all evil thoughts, motions and impulses, that rise up in us day and night, and even in Thy holy worship, to bind the soul and hold it captive. Forgive us, O Lamb of God; for Thou, the Lord of all, wast made poor, while Thou tookest upon Thee our flesh, for the salvation of our kind, and didst blot out the hand-writing that was

against us, by stretching out Thy Divine hands upon the cross. Vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious favour and protection this night and ever; and to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A. L.; G.

Our Father, &c., (or the Paraphrase taken from the Church Catechism,) O Lord God, &c.

For each other.

O God, Who didst ordain matrimony for the mutual society, help, and comfort, which the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity; give us a lively sense of our duties to each other; that we may be kind to one another, tender-hearted, loving, and patient, under all crosses and temptations; that we may dwell together according to knowledge, giving honour to one another as being heirs together of the

grace of life, that our prayers be not hindered; and that we may stir up each other continually unto all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For their Children.

O Lord, hear us in behalf of our children. Enable us to look upon them as more Thine than our own, and in that spirit to guide and govern them. As it is only their worse part that they have received from us, and their diviner half from Thee, the Father of lights, so let this become the main part of our charge. As Thou gavest them to us, and to the world by us, so let our chief care be that they may be begotten again to Thee; that they may put off that corrupt nature which they took from us, and be made partakers of that divine nature which is given them in their regeneration. Let us labour to train them up in all virtuous and religious education, and to frame them to all holy and good dispositions; and

do Thou prosper all our efforts, and overrule for their good all our negligences, for Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

From H.

THANKSGIVING.

WE give thanks unto Thee, our Father, Holy, Almighty, excelling all things, Creator of all; Who hast granted to us the blessings and privileges of another Sabbath; Who hast opened to us in Thy Son Christ our Lord the way of life; Who hast shewed us the path by which we may ascend to heaven; Who hast bestowed upon us a multitude of good things. O Lord, preserve to us the gifts of Thy grace; and grant that they may not be for our greater condemnation, but for rest, glory, the acquisition of life, the strengthening of our souls, the purification of our bodies; that we may live in Thee, and fulfil our respective duties in righteousness all the days of our lives; that Thy Name may be glorified in us, and that we may ever render glory and praise

to Thee, with all the company of Thy Saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; G.

Benedictory Prayer.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us, and with all the Israel of God, this night and evermore. Amen.

Monday Evening.

For Protection and Blessing.

O Lord God, we bow our heads and hearts, and all the powers of our bodies and souls before Thee, praying and entreating Thy mercy this night; that Thy invisible hand may rest over us with blessings. Bless, sanctify and keep us, and all ours, through the victorious cross of Thy Son, from all harm of body or soul. Quicken us in Thy will, implant in us true faith in Thee, grant us stedfastness in keeping Thy holy commandments; and bring us to a good end, and to the enjoyment of Thy kingdom; to render glory and praise to Thee for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; J. B.

For Pardon and Peace.

O Eternal Son of the Father, Who wast made man, and like unto us in all things, sin only excepted, Thou art our Mediator with the Father; Thou hast broken down the middle wall of partition, and hast abolished former enmities; Thou hast reconciled earthly things with heavenly, and hast made of two One by Thy dispensation in the flesh; with Thy body Thou hast ascended into heaven, and hast filled all things with Thy divinity. O Thou Who saidst to Thy disciples, My peace I give unto you; my peace I leave to you; grant us Thy peace, O Lord, and have mercy upon us. Cleanse us from all our sins, that we fall not short of Thy Divine and Heavenly gifts, through Thy grace, and the loving-kindness of Thy Father, and the operation of Thy Spirit; to Whom, three Persons in one God, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A. L.; G.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O God, Who hast called us Thy servants into this state of life, and hast joined us in wedlock together; we bless Thee that Thou hast dealt well with us, and provided graciously for us. O continue Thy goodness to us, and give us knowledge and grace to demean ourselves aright in this holy relation. Enable us on all occasions to consult the temporal and eternal welfare of each other, and grant that our earthly love may be the means of drawing us to Thee. May we bear with each other's imperfections, lighten each other's difficulties, soothe each other's sorrows, and set each other a good example, and may our intercourse together be such as becomes beings looking to and preparing for the immortal joys of the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M. S.

For their Children.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to bless the

dear children whom Thou hast entrusted to our care. Be Thou a gracious Father to them and a merciful Provider for them in all estates and events of their lives. Shouldst Thou see fit to take them hence before us, O prepare them for Thy presence, and make us willing to resign them to Thee. Or if Thou remove either of us from them, O Lord, take them up, and be Thou a Father to them when we are gone. O keep them from the evil of this world, and conduct them through it in safety to a better; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

From B. J.

Intercession.

O God, Thou lover of mankind, be mindful we most earnestly beseech Thee, of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, which is spread over the face of the whole earth. Be mindful, O Lord, of all Thy people, the Bishops and Pastors, and the flocks of Thy fold. Guide in righteousness the

Queen and royal family, her council, the senate, the people, and this neighbourhood. Bless our dear parents and children, our friends and benefactors; bless our going out and our coming in. Direct all, O God, into the way of salvation, and gather them into Thy fold; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; M.

THANKSGIVING.

O ETERNAL God, we offer Thee with a contrite heart and humble spirit the sacrifice of praise, our reasonable worship; for Thou art He Who hast given us the knowledge of Thy truth. But who is able to speak of Thy power, or to celebrate Thy praise, or to recount Thy wonderful works, Who hast empire over all things, and art Lord of Heaven and earth, and of every creature, visible and invisible! Who hast blessed us with many temporal blessings, and hast abundantly enlarged us with spiritual pri-

vileges! Who in Thine infinite compassion hast sent Thy beloved Son Jesus to be the propitiation for all our sins, and hast poured upon us Thy holy, life-giving Spirit, to lead us into all righteousness. O let Thy great mercies constrain us to shew forth Thy praise in all our thoughts and lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.; A. M.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

For Pardon and Protection.

O Lord our God, Great, Eternal, Wonderful in glory, Who keepest Thy covenant and promises to them that love Thee with their whole hearts; Who hast given us salvation from our sins by Thy dear Son; Who art the Life of all, the Refuge of them that flee unto Thee, and the Hope of them that cry unto Thee; have mercy upon us Thy servants, pardon and cleanse us from our sins, whether open or secret, and from every thought which is not well-pleasing to Thy goodness. Drive all such imaginations far away from us; fill our souls with the love of Thee, O God; purify our bodies and our souls, our hearts

and consciences; that we may retire to rest this night with pure hearts and grateful thoughts, in perfect charity, and with a happy hope of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; B.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O most gracious God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who of Thy bountiful mercy hast blessed us Thy unworthy servants with so many temporal and spiritual blessings in Christ; grant us grace to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness; that we may be filled with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, and that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

For their Children.

O God, Thou art our God, and our fathers' God, we beseech Thee to be our children's God. Save them from sin and Satan, and this evil world. Save them from the vanity of childhood and youth: incline their hearts to holiness, and give them the wisdom which is from above. We ask not for them great things belonging to this world. So far as shall be for their spiritual and eternal good, favour them with health and safety, give them direction and blessing in every honest employment, and feed them with food convenient for them. But especially, make them jealous for their souls and wise for eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From P. P. B.

Intercession.

O Lord, the Father and Protector of Thy Church, bless all who are within its pale. Be Thou a powerful tongue in the mouth of Thy Pastors, against which the teachers of heresy shall not prevail. Be Thou the Rewarder of those who work good things, and the Deliverer of those who are held in affliction. Let the sighing of the mourners, and the cry of the poor, O Lord, and let the tears of the oppressed, and the sorrows of those who suffer persecution, come up before Thy Throne. Despise them not, and keep not silence, O Lord, that we may render thanks and honour to Thee, with all the company of Thy saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Thanksgiving.

We give thanks to Thee, O adorable Lord God, and glorify Thy lofty Name, and render to Thee our tribute of thanksgiving this even-

ing, not according to Thy gifts towards us, but according to our powers. We confess that all things we possess are from Thee, and in Thee we live, and move, and have our being. By Thee is the abundance of our life supplied, and by Thee our souls and bodies were formed and created, and the whole fabric of our nature completed. Of Thee also are our will, our reason, and all the faculties of our minds. O let all be consecrated to Thee! Above all we owe to Thee the means of Redemption, through the death of Thy Blessed Son, and the out-pouring of Thy Holy, comforting Spirit. O give us grace to lift up our hearts to the contemplation of Thy Divine perfections, and to acknowledge Thine infinite, unspeakable love toward us; that we may give thanks to Thee, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now and evermore. Amen.

A. L.; B.

Benedictory Prayer.

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, be unto us this night and evermore. Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

Invocation, and Prayer for Protection.

O Lord, Who hast given us the grace of adoption through the laver of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost; make us worthy that, without hypocrisy, and with pure hearts, and consciences full of trust, and lips free from all offence, we may offer our prayers to Thee this evening; and do Thou mercifully hear and answer our petitions, and defend us this night from all dangers ghostly and bodily, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

For Pardon.

O Sovereign Lord God, the Physician of our souls, our bodies, and our spirits, have pity on us Thy servants, who humble ourselves before Thy glory, that we may be healed of our diseases, and cleansed from all our iniquities, through the inspiration of Thy Holy, Good, and Gracious Spirit. Accept, O God, the atonement of our sins through Thy Son, Who taketh away the sins of the world: enlighten our understandings, and produce in us a sincere repentance; for Thou willest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live. Deliver us, O God, from all manner of sin, and give us the knowledge, the will, and the courage to flee from our great adversary and all his works, and to do always that which is well-pleasing unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O Lord our God, Who in Thy mercy hast brought us Thy servants together in marriage; grant that we may be of one mind and one heart in serving Thee. Grant that we may love, honour, and obey our Lord, Who has loved us and given Himself for us. Let our union with each other not hinder us, but help us, in our endeavours to be one with Christ. Let us watch that we never add to each other's temptations; but study to help each other forward in grace and godliness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From C. G.

For their Children.

O Lord Jesus, Who didst command little children to be brought unto Thee, declaring that of such is the kingdom of God; take ours, we beseech Thee, to Thy gracious fa-

vour. They are Thine; Thou gavest them to us. Put Thy words into our mouths, that we may teach them well; and open their hearts, that they may learn to love and fear Thee. Turn away Thy face from our sins, that Thou mayest not, on our account, withhold any good thing from them. And grant that loving Thee above all things, they and we may go on from strength to strength, till every one of us appear in Zion before God, through Thy merits, Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

From L. C.

Intercession.

O Lord God Almighty, hear the voice of our supplication: incline Thine ear, and hear our lamentations before Thy Majesty, and receive the intercessions of us sinners, imploring Thy grace. Have pity upon all Thy creatures; spare the guilty, convert the wandering, refresh the oppressed, give rest to the troubled; restore the sick, console the af-

flicted, and perfect the offerings of those who work righteousness, for the honour of Thy great name. Bless us, and all Thy whole Church, and number us with Thy saints in glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.: Ac.

THANKSGIVING.

HOLY art Thou, O Lord, Who when we were sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, didst manifest in the flesh Thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ; Who taught us the way of salvation, and gave us a second birth through water and the Spirit, and made us a holy congregation, and cleanseth us by His Spirit; Who, when He had loved His own that were in the world, delivered Himself up to death for us all, and rose again, and ascended, and sent gifts unto men, and hath appointed a day of retribution, in which He will judge all men according to their works. O Lord, we adore Thy infinite holiness and Thine awful justice; and we

praise and admire Thy tender love towards us, that Thou hast not dealt with us according to our iniquities, but hast spared us according to Thy mercy, and hast protected us hitherto in all dangers, and hast brought us in safety to the evening of this day. Accept our thanksgivings, most gracious God, and grant us Thy peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; B.

For Peace and Blessing.

The Peace and Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us and abide with us, this night and ever. Amen.

Thursday Evening.

Invocation.

O God, Who hast so loved us, and given us the right of adoption, that we should be called the sons of God and joint-heirs with Christ; incline Thine ear, O Lord, and hear us, who bow down our heads to Thee; and purify our inner man, even as Thy only-begotten Son is pure. Let the Lamb of God, Who taketh away the sins of the world, take away from us all evil thoughts, all guile and hypocrisy, all envy, dissension, and hatred, wrath and high-mindedness, and all other our sins; that being thoroughly sanctified in body, soul, and spirit, we may render glory to Thee in the highest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; S.

For Pity and Pardon.

Pity us, O Lord, who are the work of Thy hands and monuments of Thy redeeming mercy. Send Thy Holy Spirit, Who is One with Thee and Thy Son, that He may rest upon us and dwell in our hearts. Hear us, O Lord; pity and quicken us; pour out upon us the gift of Thy grace and sanctify us: and withhold not Thy favour from us on account of our vileness and unworthiness. What things we have sinned, we confess; and what we have done amiss, we lament and acknowledge. But Thy mercies, O Lord, are many, and Thy compassions without measure. Let Thy Spirit descend upon us, cleanse all the stains of our souls, pardon all our faults, sanctify all our thoughts, and preserve us and ours this night in peace and safety; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O God, Who by Thy mighty power hast made all things out of nothing; and didst form woman out of man, bone of his bones, and flesh of his flesh, that they might be one flesh together; give wisdom and grace to us Thy servants, and make us both so to order our conversation in the spirit of Thy holy fear, that we may ask nothing of each other but what Thy word allows, and deny nothing but what would hinder our duty or our love to Thee. In sickness or in health, in poverty or in abundance, grant that we may live in perfect peace together. May we gladly bear each other's burdens, and make allowance for each other's faults: so that, strengthening one another's hands for all good works, and helping each other's prayers without ceasing, we may come to Thine eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From M.

For their Children.

Most glorious and Eternal God, Father of men and angels, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort; Thou hast promised to be a Father to a thousand generations of them that love and fear Thee. Be Thou a God and Father to us, and the children whom Thou hast given us. Enable us, O Lord, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the fear of God, to the praise of Thy Holy Name: and that they all may be Thine, O preserve them in Thy favour. If Thou pleasest, let them live to a full age, and serve Thee by a life of usefulness; but above all, secure to them a full measure of piety and holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From P. P. B.

Thanksgiving.

We thank Thee, O Lord our God, for all the temporal and spiritual blessings which Thou hast given to us; for kind friends and

affectionate relatives; for our substance, and for the health and sanctifying of our bodies and souls; above all for Christ Thy Son, Who by His power hath confounded Satan, binding the strong man, and trampling death under His feet. Grant, O Lord, that the ever-present sense of Thy mercies in Christ may work in us a lively faith, unfeigned charity, an abounding piety and abhorrence of sin, for which our Lord suffered; a ready obedience to Thy holy commandments, and a meetness for acceptance in the last day; through the merits and intercession of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; M.

For Blessing and Protection.

The Lord bless us and keep us: the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace, this night and evermore. Amen.

Friday Evening.

Invocation to the Son.

O Thou Who didst bow the Heavens and come down upon the earth for the salvation of mankind, Who hast unfolded all the abundance of Thy grace, Who orderest all things for us far more abundantly than we ask or think, Who art kind and good; extend over us Thy invisible hand this night, blessed and full of mercy and compassion, and bless Thy servants now kneeling before Thee; cleanse us from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, and make us recipients and partakers of Thy grace; that in holiness and righteousness we may offer our confessions and prayers this

evening, through Thy continued intercession for us with Thy Father; to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, belong glory and honour, now and ever. Amen.

A. L.; G.

For Pardon and Cleansing.

O Lord, Thou art our Creator and God, the First and the Last, neither is there any other God besides Thee. Thou art the Comforter of the poor, the Hope of the afflicted; Thou seekest out the wanderers, and recoverest the lost. We therefore pray Thee that Thy mercy may find us in our lost estate, that we may be cleansed by Thy grace from the stains of our sins, and be delivered from the temptations that assail our souls and bodies. Spare us, O Lord, and blot out all our iniquities; deliver us from all the defilements of sin, and all the dangers of transgression; direct our steps in the way of Thy commandments, that through life we may be

companions of them that fear Thee, and hereafter may rejoice with Thy Saints in glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; J. B.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O God, Who hast taught us by Thy holy Evangelist St. Luke that Thy servants Zacharias and Elizabeth were both righteous in Thy sight; give grace unto us Thy servants, that, fearing Thee and loving Thy testimonies and Thy statutes with all our hearts, and provoking one another continually unto love and to good works, we may walk before Thee in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless; and so attain the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls; through the intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For their Children.

Look graciously, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on our dear children, and grant them, if it may please Thee, health of mind and body, and the blessings of Thy grace, that they may comfort their parents, and glorify Thy Holy Name. But deal Thou with them, O Lord, as Thou seest to be best for them and for us; and grant, that, whether living or dying, they may be Thine; either preserved as Thy faithful servants here, or taken to the blessedness of Thy kingdom in Heaven: and enable us to look upon every dispensation as intended for our good, and to receive it with thankful acquiescence. Bless all our relations and friends, and give to them and to us Thy directing and sanctifying grace. Let the hand of Thy blessing be upon us night and day; to support us in all temptations, guide us in all doubts, and comfort us in all sorrows, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M. S.

THANKSGIVING.

O LORD God Almighty, keep in our hearts continually the thankful remembrance of Thy many and unspeakable mercies to mankind; and receive our humble thanksgivings for all those whom Thou hast made partakers of the perfect atonement of Thy Blessed Son: for Thy whole Church; for all the Fathers and Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, and Confessors; and for all the Saints who have gone from earth to Heaven through His prevailing intercession. We give Thee thanks for all the means and encouragements Thou hast given us to tread in their footsteps; for the precious word of Thy Gospel, for Thy holy Sabbaths and Sacraments, and for the warnings as well as blessings of Thy providence. O Lord, let Thy Holy Spirit descend and rest upon us, that by His powerful and controlling influence we may be made partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light, and evermore give thanks to Thee in Thy Heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. A. T.; B. A.

Benedictory Prayer.

The Lord direct our hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ; and the Lord of peace Himself give us peace always by all means. The Lord be with us all. Amen. (2 Thess. iii. 5, 16.)

SECOND WEEK.

Saturday Evening.

Invocation.

O Lord Almighty, Who only art full of compassion, send down Thy blessing upon us who bow ourselves before Thy Throne: Thou Who dwellest on high, and yet regardest the lowly, bless us and accept us Thine unworthy creatures, through the grace, mercy, and love towards men of Christ, Thine only-begotten Son; through Whom and to Whom, with Thee and Thy Holy Spirit, be glory, honour and power, for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; J.

For Pardon and Preparation for the Sabbath.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who beholdest with sorrow the errors and wanderings of Thy people, have compassion on us Thy unworthy servants, who humbly and sorrowfully acknowledge the sins of the past week, and the manifold transgressions of our lives. Awaken us by Thy mercy; count us among Thy sheep; bind us with cords of love; direct our ways to Thy kingdom; perfect in us Thy gracious purposes. Prepare us, O Lord, by sweet and refreshing sleep, and by the graces of Thy Holy Spirit, for the approaching Sabbath, and in Thy good time appoint us a place in the assemblies of the just, for the sake, and through the merits, of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; E.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O Gracious Father, Maker and Preserver of Heaven and Earth, Who in the beginning

didst institute matrimony, thereby foretelling the mystical union of the Church with our Saviour Christ; and hast appointed it also for the mutual comfort and consolation of Thy children; we humbly entreat Thee to give us the assistance of Thy Divine grace, that we may live together according to Thy commandments. Mortify in us all unholy desires and all fleshly lusts; and make us to love, cherish, and comfort each other, whether in sickness or in health. Grant that we may live in peace, without debate; in unity, without discord; like the members of one body, equally desirous to praise Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From A.

For their Children.

Give us, O Lord, discreet hearts and understanding minds, to bring up our children in Thy faith and fear, in a religious and honest manner. Give them obedient hearts to Thee and to Thy commandments, and grant that they may cheerfully perform all which

Thou requirest of them in duty towards their parents; keep them from those who are ready to seduce them; and so lead them in Thy fear and knowledge, that they may prove, not a curse, but a blessing to us, and thereby attain to that blessing which Thou hast promised to those who honour and obey their parents; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From A.

For the Household.

Grant, O Lord, that we may guide and instruct the family which is under us in Thy fear; and in an honest and useful manner provide as well for their bodies as their souls. And give them the like grace, to perform their duties in fear and obedience; not with eye-service, but in simplicity of heart, as in Thy sight. Continue to us, O Lord, a competency of estate, to maintain ourselves, our children and family according to that rank of calling, wherein Thou of Thy goodness hast placed us; without excess, riot, or vain-glory, and in singleness and pureness of heart; hum-

bly relying upon Thy blessed will, Who knowest better than we ourselves what is needful for us. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake our Blessed Saviour. Amen.

From A.

And Parish.

Have mercy, good Lord, on all in this Parish. Let Thy Spirit be poured out amongst us; the Spirit of Light and Truth, to shed abroad in the hearts of the people holiness, wisdom, peace and love; the Spirit of grace and supplication, to teach them earnestly to pray unto Thee. Let Thy blessing rest on every head, that all may be brought unto Thee in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From E. B.

Thanksgiving.

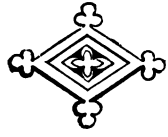
O Lord our God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all things and in all things that Thou hast done unto us: that Thou hast

protected, helped, nourished, and led us through the past time of our lives, and hast brought us to this hour; and permittest us to kneel before Thee at the close of another week, seeking the remission of our sins through Jesus Christ. Grant, O Lord, that we may pass Thy Holy Sabbath and all the rest of our lives in peace and without sin; in all joy, health, and safety; and in all holiness and in Thy fear; through the grace, merits, and intercession of Thy Son, Who laid down His life for us sinners, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A. L.; M.

BENEDICTION.

MAY the peace and blessing of the Holy, Uncreated, and Glorious Trinity rest upon us and dwell with us, now and evermore. Amen.



Sunday Evening.

Prayer for Sanctification.

O Lord Almighty, Whose Name is great, Who art the Author of all things, and guidest our thoughts to holy ends; Who, when we were strangers to the covenants of Thy promises, and aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, didst bring us to the knowledge of them; and hast led us, who were not worthy to knock at the door, into the inmost recesses of Thy sanctuary, which the very angels desire to look into; purify and sanctify our minds, and grant that, forsaking all worldly thoughts and cares of this life, we may ever seek Thy kingdom of Righteousness, and be

delivered from every work and inroad of the wicked one; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A. L.; S.

For Pardon.

O Lord, we humbly and penitently confess our unworthiness and short-comings in Thy worship this day. Exact not of us, we beseech Thee, a strict account of our works and service; for there can be no justification of our perversities, seeing that we were regenerated in Thine image and likeness, and Thou hast called us to be brethren of Thy Son, and children of Thee our Heavenly Father: but let Thy mercy, O Lord, interpose between us and Thy judgments, and let Thy pity hide us under the shelter of Thy merciful wings. For none of woman born has ever been free from earthly errors and fleshly lusts, but only our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son; according to Whose true promise we hope to obtain mercy, and the remission of our sins which is through

Him: to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory for ever. Amen.

A. L.; E.

Our Father, &c., (or Paraphrase,) O Lord God &c.

For each other.

O Eternal God, Who didst create woman as a help meet for man, and dost join them together in marriage; sanctify and bless Thy Holy ordinance to our happiness and comfort here below, and give us grace to seek and to find that wedding garment which, through the merits of our Redeemer, may admit us to Thy Heavenly Mansions. Implant in our souls the excellent gifts of faith and love, patience, gentleness, and forbearance; and so teach us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things, and ever faithfully do our duty to each other and to our dear children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From H.; S. P. C. K.

For their Children.

Most merciful God, pour Thy Spirit upon our seed, and Thy blessing upon our offspring; that they may be a seed to serve Thee, which shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. Teach and enable us to bring them up in Thy fear, and to instruct and guide, reprove and exhort them in the meekness of wisdom, as those who travail in birth again to see Christ formed in their souls. Let none of ours come short of eternal life, or be found on Christ's left hand at the great day. Let it be the joy of our hearts to see them walking in the truth, and setting their faces heavenward: and do Thou guide and keep them in the right way, for Jesus Christ His sake. Amen.

P. P. B.

Intercession.

O Lord God Almighty, look down from Heaven upon us, and upon Thy Church and all Thy people; upon all in this Parish, and upon our dear parents and children, our re-

lations, friends, and benefactors, our godchildren and our schools; and preserve us and all the sheep of Thy flock. Bestow upon us Thy peace, Thy love, Thy succour; and send upon us the gift of Thy most Holy Spirit; that with a pure heart and a clear conscience, not following any other Gospel, we may be bound together in one spirit in the bond of peace and charity, one body and one spirit in one faith; even as we are called in one hope of our calling; that we may all be united unto a perfect love in Christ Jesus our Lord; with Whom and the Holy Ghost, Thou art blessed for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; M.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER FOR PROTECTION.

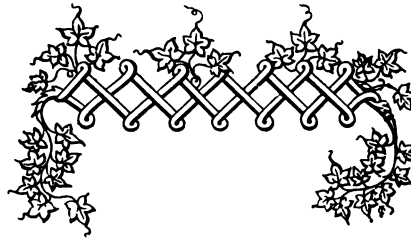
O LORD our God, we confess and adore the abundant riches of Thy grace, Who, when we were sinners and earthly, through the multitude of Thy mercies didst call us by Holy Baptism to a new life, and by the passion of Thy Christ boughtest us as sheep of Thy pas-

ture, and by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, Who is One with Thee in His glorious nature, hast vouchsafed to make us spiritual members in the great body of Thy Holy Church, and hast granted us to worship before Thy Throne this day: we praise and magnify Thy Holy Name. We seek help from Thee, to the strengthening of our souls; that in perfect charity and true faith we may walk before Thee with acceptance. Bless and defend us this night; perfect in us Thy grace, and pour out Thy gifts upon us; and of Thy tender compassion grant that we may please Thee all the days of our lives; and be counted worthy to render to Thee praise, honour, confession and adoration, through Christ, for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; Ae.

Benediction.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, and all belonging to us, this night and evermore. Amen.



Monday Evening.

Invocation.

O God, the Author of life, to Whom boweth every knee that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth; we Thy weak and earthly creatures approach Thee, not for the cleanness of our hands, or for any good thing that we have wrought, but imploring Thee to give somewhat from Thy purity to us the lowest of Thy servants. Reject us not, nor our unworthy services, through any fault or stain of sin in us, for Thou knowest whereof we are made; but make us worthy, O Lord, that with pure hearts, and souls filled with Thy grace, we may make our confession before Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

For Pardon.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who through Thy salutary life-giving passion didst bear the sin of many, and make intercession for the transgressors; we pray and beseech Thy goodness to make plain to us Thy servants the way of Thy mercy; break and burst every band of our sins which we have committed before Thee, knowingly or ignorantly, through the malice or weakness of the heart, through shame and cowardice, by word or by deceit; for Thou knowest the infirmity of our nature. O Thou Redeemer of mankind and Lord of all, grant us the remission of our sins; bless, sanctify, and cleanse us; deliver and absolve us. Perfect in us the fear of Thy Name, and direct us to do Thy will; for to Thee belong glory, honour, and power, now and evermore. Amen.

A. T.; At.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O God, Who hast blessed our union with many great and happy privileges, and hast

taught us in Thy Holy Scriptures that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of Thine, which may direct us in all our lives towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; grant us Thy continued blessing, that our conversation with each other, with our dear children, and with all around us, may be as becometh the Gospel of Christ; and that, being blessed together in Thy love, we may stand fast in one spirit, and with one mind strive together for the faith of the same Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For their Children.

O Heavenly Father, direct us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Good Spirit, that we may so instruct our children in the Holy Scriptures, that they may have an unfeigned faith in Christ Jesus. Bless all our endeavours for their good; and enable us to bring them up in Thy godly nurture and admonition. Sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; and grant that they may grow in grace, and in the

knowledge of their Lord and Saviour. Take away from them all malice, hatred, and whatsoever may be displeasing in Thy sight; and so fill them, Blessed Lord, with Thy Spirit, that they may dwell together in holiness and love, to the comfort of their parents, and to the praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From H.; S. P. C. K.

Thanksgiving.

Holy art Thou, O Eternal King, the Lord and Giver of all holiness; Holy is Thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom Thou hast made the worlds; Holy is Thy Holy Spirit, Who searcheth all things, even the deep mysteries of Thy Godhead. We praise and adore Thee for Thine infinite love to the work of Thine own hand, that Thou didst not despise and abandon man, when he had lost his happiness by transgression, but didst recall him by the Law, and instruct him by the Prophets, and last of all didst send Thy Son into

the world for the renovation and revival of Thy lost image: Who suffered a voluntary and life-giving death upon the cross for us sinners. For these Thy mercies we worship and magnify Thy glorious Name; and for the coming of Thy most Holy Spirit, that by His holy, good, and gracious presence He might sanctify Thy Church. We thank Thee also for Thy daily loving-kindness showered upon us in abundant profusion, for the blessings of this life, and for the more precious blessings of Thy grace. Gather us, O Lord, to the number of Thine elect at what time and in what manner Thou pleasest; only let us be faultless and without reproach, through Him Who alone appeared without sin upon the earth, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A. T.; J.

For Sanctification.

May the very God of peace sanctify us wholly: and our whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

Prayer for Pardon.

O Lord, Thou hast said in Thy word of truth that there is great joy among the Angels in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth; make them therefore now to rejoice, O Lord, in the conversion of Thy servants who here kneel before Thee. Give us true repentance not to be repented of, and accept our humble and sincere confession of our sins. Thy compassion is extended every hour over all Thy creatures; do Thou therefore save us from the wrath reserved for the wicked, and from our malignant enemies who oppose our souls, and

watch for their destruction: and make us worthy of Thy kingdom, and of the habitations of those who have obeyed Thy commandments and have entered into Thy joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; S. B.

For Protection.

Take us, O merciful Lord, under Thy gracious protection this night. Drive far away from us and this family, all envy, all fear, all temptation, every work of Satan, and every design of wicked men. Bestow upon us, O Lord, those things which are useful and suitable for us; and howsoever we have sinned in word, or deed, or thought, be not severe with us, nor forsake us, O God, who hope in Thee; neither suffer us to be tempted above what we are able to bear; but deliver us from the evil one, and from all his works; through the compassion and loving-kindness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; M.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to look upon us Thy servants whom Thou by matrimony hast made one: may it please Thee to preserve us in health and safety, and lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word. Fill us both with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may truly perform and keep the vow and covenant which we have made. Suffer not any trifling word or deed to cause angry or unkind feeling between us; but grant that we may ever help and encourage each other in Thy works and ways; and so walk together in peace and love one towards the other, and in prudence, godliness, and charity toward all, that we may come, with all Thine elect, to Thy Kingdom in Heaven; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

From H.; S. P. C. K.

For their Children.

O Almighty Father, we beseech Thee to hear us in behalf of our dear children. Pre-

vent them by Thy grace, that they may be preserved from sin and shame, from youthful follies and youthful crimes. Sanctify them throughout in their bodies, souls, and spirits; that their thoughts may be pure and holy; their words true and ingenuous, seasoned with grace; and their actions holy and useful, such as become the servants of Jesus: so that, pleasing Thee in their whole lives and doing good to others, they may increase in the love of God, and in favour with men; and may have the portion of the meek and humble in this world, and of the pure and merciful in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From P. P. B.

Intercession.

Remember, O Lord Jesus, our parents, kindred and friends; our benefactors, godchildren, and servants; and all who desire of us that we should remember them in our prayers to Thee: let Thy peace be upon them. Help the infirm; heal the sick; strengthen

the feeble-minded; comfort the afflicted and desolate; turn the hearts of those that devise mischief and abhor not evil: for Thou art the Life of us all, our Salvation, our Hope, our Physician and our Resurrection: and to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A. T.; B.

THANKSGIVING.

WHAT have we that we can render to Thee, O Lord, for all that Thou hast bestowed upon us! and for all Thy gifts, blessings, and benefits, vouchsafed to us creatures of the dust! O accept our thanks for protection and preservation, for pleasant and obedient children, and for sympathising friends; but above all for the salvation of Thy Son, and the sanctification of Thy Spirit. We confess, and adore, and glorify, and offer to Thee the voice of thanksgiving; and we beseech Thee, O Thou lover of mankind, that since Thou hast called us, and brought us into this state of salvation, Thou wilt keep us in the same; pardoning

our offences and blotting out all our sins, and conducting us to eternal life, to the glory and honour of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; J. B.

For Peace and Blessing.

The peace and blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be with us and abide with us, this night and ever. Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

For Pardon and Protection.

O Lord, through the abundance of Thy grace, we have a sure confidence that whatsoever we ask of Thee in faith, Thou wilt give it us. Be mindful, O Lord, of us sinners; deliver us from every evil work, and destroy us not in our iniquities; be not angry with us for ever, nor treasure up vengeance for us: but shew us Thy loving-kindness, and although we be unworthy, save us according to Thy mercies, that we may commit ourselves to rest this night with a sense of Thy pardon on our souls, and Thy peace in our hearts; and that we may glorify Thee always unto our lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; S.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

Most gracious and bountiful Lord God, Who, amongst other innumerable gifts to us Thy unworthy creatures, hast blessed us with an abundance (*or*, a competency) of worldly goods; make, we beseech Thee, Thy grace to abound towards us; that we, having all-sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work: and grant us ever to remember that we are but stewards of the good things we possess; that we may honour Thee with our substance, and be lovers of hospitality, and ready to distribute; considering the poor, and shewing mercy with cheerfulness: that so we may lay up in store for ourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that we may lay hold on eternal life; through Thine infinite mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

For their Children.

O Lord, enable us, we beseech Thee, to train up our dear children in the way they

should go, that when they are old they may not depart from it. Give us Thy grace and favour, that we may instruct them with diligence and meekness, govern them with prudence and vigilance, and lead them in the paths of religion and justice by examples and precepts of holiness; never provoking them to wrath, indulging them in their follies, nor conniving at any unworthy action. And give them grace also to obey their parents, that doing their duty they may receive the promise, and live for ever in Thy kingdom of glory, for Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

From P. P. B.

Intercession.

Merciful Lord, Who givest us more than we ask or think, do unto us, and to all who desire our prayers, and to all Thy Church and people, according to the good pleasure of Thy goodness: give health to the weak, comfort to the indigent, liberty to the captives; be a Father to the orphans, and a God to the

widows; sustain with good things those who are in difficulties; strengthen those that stand, raise up them that are fallen; receive the prayers of those who confess their faults, number the penitent with Thy saints, and the faithful with Thy martyrs; beat down Satan under our feet quickly, and make us all such as Thou wouldest have us to be in all holy conversation and godliness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; G.

THANKSGIVING.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, and to be blessed in all things for evermore: Thou hast called us by Thy grace, and redeemed us by Thy Son, and hast given us the earnest of Thy Holy Spirit, and brought us to such a likeness to Thee as our earthly and fleshly natures are capable of. Thou therefore, O Lord our God, who art adored by all, keep us by Thy right hand from all danger of ruin to our souls, and bless Thy servants who bow

before Thee, and send us the blessings of Thy heavenly gifts, that we may be one with Thee and Thy Son, and continually confess and adore Thy glorious Name, through the same Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A. T.; B.

For Joy, Peace, and Hope.

Now the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing; that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost; giving thanks unto the Father, Who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Rom. xv. 13, and Col. i. 2.

Thursday Evening.

Invocation.

Merciful and gracious Lord God, remove from our minds and thoughts all the stains which pollute our souls, and grant that we may kneel before Thee with pure hearts. Take away from us all the vileness of iniquity and sin, and confirm us in holiness and religious fear, that we may not come before Thee at this time with unprepared and careless hearts; but cleanse us from every wickedness and deliver us from all corruption which may make us aliens from Thee, that we may appear with a glad conscience before the throne of Thy Majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; S. D. Ant.

For Pardon and Protection.

O Lord, we are guilty creatures, we have sinned before Thee, and are not worthy to lift up our eyes to Heaven. Have mercy upon us, Lord, we beseech Thee, for Thou knowest that we are but dust, and pardon our sins. So order Thy merciful dispensations towards us, that we may be made worthy of that good end which is prepared for them that love Thee: keep us in safety this night, and grant us refreshing rest; be gracious to us throughout this present life, and bring us hereafter to the habitations of light and joy; that there, as well as here, we may praise and extol Thy most holy and blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; M. B.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O Blessed Lord Jesu Christ, Who didst adorn and beautify the holy estate of matri-

mony with Thy presence and first miracle in Cana of Galilee; we earnestly beseech Thee to bless and sanctify our marriage to us Thy servants. Bind us both in faithfulness to Thee, as well as to one another, and as we are of one flesh, so make us of one heart and soul, longing for each other's welfare, and promoting each other's eternal salvation; so that helping each other forward continually in Thy holy ways, by mutual exhortation and encouragement, we may both come to Thine eternal kingdom, through the merits of Thy most precious death and passion, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

A sentence from B. J.

For their Children.

Merciful Lord God, we commend our dear children to Thy special protection. Take Thou care even of their temporal concerns, and choose their inheritance for them; and let all good things be added unto them in this pre-

sent life: but especially, O God, take care of their souls, and give them blessed treasure in Heaven; that when they shall be deprived of all things here below, they may be taken to Thy glorious kingdom above; there to live with Thee and all Thy heavenly host, world without end. Amen.

B. J.

Intercession.

Almighty God, look down upon us Thy unworthy creatures, and listen to our supplications and intercessions. Receive our prayers for all who are in grief, difficulty, or sickness; for all who are suffering necessity and vexation; for all the weak and oppressed; and for all who seek our feeble prayers, and for ourselves who are weak and unworthy sinners. O Lord our God, according to Thy compassion and to the multitude of Thy mercies, behold us and all Thy people, and not according to our sins and follies; but make us worthy of the atonement of Thy dear Son, and the remission of our transgressions; through the

same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A. L.; Ae.

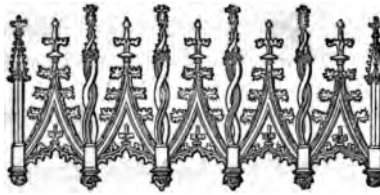
THANKSGIVING TO THE SON.

O LORD Jesu Christ, we Thy frail, weak and unworthy servants, confess with all the Heavenly Powers Thine abundant grace and favour towards us, which we cannot repay. For Thou hast put on our human nature, that Thou mightest bring life to us through Thy Divinity; Thou hast exalted our lowness; Thou hast rebuilt our ruin; Thou hast quickened our deadness and mortality; Thou hast borne away our sins, and justified the guilt of our transgressions; Thou hast enlightened our understandings, and condemned our enemy, and made the weakness of our frail nature to triumph. Pour down, gracious Lord, the abundance of Thy tenderness upon us; forgive our offences and sins; remember not our transgressions in judgment. And for all Thy help and favour towards us we render to Thee

the song of thanksgiving, honour, confession, and adoration, now and ever, world without end. Amen.

A. L.; B. A.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.



Friday Evening.

Invocation.

O Lord, of great compassion, long-suffering and truth, hear our prayers and supplications, and receive the penitent confession of our sins, which we make before Thy bright and heavenly throne. Remember, Lord, the infirmities of Thy servants, regard us with mercy and pity, and heal us. Grant that we may worthily hear, and duly study Thy holy Word, and may so diligently observe Thy precepts and commandments, that we may bring forth fruit in our lives, thirty, sixty, or an hundred fold, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

For Pardon and Protection.

O Lord God, Who art the Refuge of sinners, the Healer of the infirm, the Refresher of our souls, and Receiver of prayers; have respect unto the petitions of Thy unworthy servants, and forgive our offences: heal the wounds of our sins, and grant us the blessings of Thy grace. Be our defence this night, and guard and protect us against every assault of Thine and our enemy. Keep us without spot of sin, and let Thy peace be with us, and Thy invisible hand over us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O God, our heavenly Father, Who didst institute the holy ordinance of matrimony in Thy wisdom and love for the happiness and benefit of Thy creatures; bless us Thy ser-

vants; and as Thou hast graciously called us unto the fellowship of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, grant that we may be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment, concerning our own duties and all the blessed doctrines of Thy holy apostolic Church, the keeper and interpreter of Thy sacred Word; and that we may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee, even the Father, in all our ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For their Children.

O Blessed Lord Jesus, Who for our children didst suffer a bitter death and Who holdest them to be very dear to Thee; we beseech Thee keep them in Thy Name, and nourish them with Thy favour. And grant that we, setting Thy glory always before us, may discharge the trust which Thou hast put upon us, of training them up in Thy faith, lovingly, prudently, holily, and firmly, to the honour of Thy Name, Who art one with the

Father and the Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

From L. C.

For Peace and Unity in the Church.

O God, Who through Thine abundant loving-kindness hast sown peace and tranquillity in Thy Church, and hast joined together diverse natures in one spiritual body, through the only-begotten Son, our corner-stone; grant us Thy peace; kindle our affections by Thy love; direct our thoughts to Thee; make Thy peace and quietness to reign in us; and grant that, bound together by one spiritual bond, we and all Thy whole Church may be one body with Christ our Head, even as Thou art One with Him: to Whom, with Thee and Thy most holy and adorable Spirit, belong glory, honour, and dominion for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; E.

Thanksgiving.

O Lord, the self-existing, eternal God, the Father Almighty, we Thine unworthy

servants desire to offer to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our continual praises: for Thou didst create and bring us out of nothing into being; and when we transgressed Thy command and fell, Thou didst again redeem and renew us; Thou didst raise us up, reclaim, and visit us with Thy salvation and Thy providential care, till Thou broughtest us by Holy Baptism into the ark of Thy Church, and in Thy mercy gavest us hearts capable of loving Thee, and an inheritance in Thy Kingdom to come. And moreover Thou hast kept, and protected, and blessed us, and hast brought us in safety from our youth up unto the evening of this day. Bless and keep us, we beseech Thee, this night; and for all Thy goodness to us we give thanks to Thee, O God the Father, and to Thine only-begotten Son and Holy Spirit; and we adore Thee for all the benefits which Thou hast vouchsafed unto us, those we know, and those we know not, both open and private, past, present, and to come, for everlasting. Amen.

A. L.; M.

Benedictory Prayer.

Let Thy mighty hand and out-stretched arm, O Lord, be ever our defence; Thy mercy and loving-kindness in Jesus Christ Thy dear Son our salvation; Thy true and holy word our instruction; Thy grace and Holy Spirit our comfort and consolation, both now and for ever. Amen.

THIRD WEEK.

Saturday Evening.

Invocation.

O God, our Father, Who of Thy great and ineffable love towards men hast sent Thy Son into the world that He might bring back the wanderers to Thy fold; turn not away Thy face from us while we draw near to Thee in prayer; for we trust not in our own righteousness, but in Thy mercy. Pity us, O Lord, and strengthen us by Thy Divine Grace; deliver us from the sinful workings of concupiscence, and illumine the eyes of our minds against the

surrounding darkness of sin. We pray Thee, O Lord, that the work of Christ upon the cross, which was wrought for our salvation, may not be for our heavier condemnation, but for the pardon of our sins, for the remission of our follies, and for the return of thanks to Thy Name; through the grace and mercy of the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A. L.; M.

Our Father, &c.

For Preparation for the Sabbath, and Protection.

O Lord God Almighty, Who shewest mercy unto thousands of them that call upon Thee in truth, look down from Heaven with a pitying eye upon us Thy servants, who bow our heads and our hearts before Thee, expecting from Thee great and rich mercy, and to obtain pity and blessing from Thee. Prepare us, O Lord, for Thy approaching Sabbath. Bless us with all spiritual benediction, sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit, appoint an

angel of peace to keep and protect us this night, and to illumine and direct us on Thy holy day to every good work. Have compassion upon us, for Thy mercy is everlasting. Grant us refreshing rest, and dispose us, O Lord, to pass Thy holy day of rest, and every day of our lives, without sin, and in all joy, health, peace, safety, and blessing, and in all holiness, and in Thy fear; through the grace, mercy, and loving-kindness of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A. L.; B.

For each other.

O God, Who hast placed Thy servant in an important and responsible station[a], (*or* office[b], *or* calling[c],) in this place, (*or*[d], Who hast called Thy servant to the great and arduous work of the ministry,) and hast given him an help meet for him in all difficulties and anxieties; grant us Thy blessing, that we may be a blessing to each other, and to all around us.

[a] As a landlord, &c.
[b] If holding any office, as magistrate, churchwarden, &c.
[c] As a tradesman, farmer, &c.
[d] If in Holy Orders.

So aid and assist us by Thy good Spirit that we may strengthen and encourage each other unto all good works, looking not on our own things, but also unto the things of others; that the same mind may be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; that we may be a mutual solace and comfort in all perplexities, shewing out of a good conversation our works with meekness of wisdom: that we may comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, and be patient towards all men; for His sake, Who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For their Children.

O God our Father, and the Father of those little ones whom Thou hast entrusted to our charge, make us sensible how much we have to answer for in the guidance of their thoughts, and feelings, and affections. Let it be our first care in their behalf to bring them up in Thy faith and fear. Let it be our hearts' desire and prayer for them above all things,

that they may be saved. Let us form no plan for their prosperity on earth without reference to their eternal welfare. And while we are grateful for the pleasure we enjoy in possessing them, let us not repine if it be Thy will to take them to Thyself; but rather thankfully acknowledge how much better it is for them to be with Thee where Thou art for ever: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C. G.

Thanksgiving.

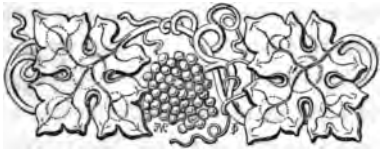
O our God, the God of salvation, teach us worthily to return our thanks to Thee for all the benefits which Thou hast at any time conferred, and dost still continue to confer, upon us. We adore Thee above all, O God, for the meritorious death and continual intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the gift and communication of Thy Holy Spirit. Cleanse us, we beseech Thee, from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, and teach us so to perfect holiness in Thy fear, that we may have the testimony

of a good conscience, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that they may be temples of the Holy Ghost. Keep us unblameable in life, and bring us to a perfect redemption and adoption; that we, with all Thy saints who have pleased Thee from the beginning of the world, may be partakers of those good things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

Prayer for Stedfastness.

Now the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, stablish, strengthen, settle us: to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.



Sunday Evening.

For Pardon and Deliverance from Sin.

O Lord, the God of spirits and of all flesh, Who hast vouchsafed to bestow Thy grace upon us, and to receive us among Thy worshippers this day; deliver all our senses from the deadly bondage of our passions, and establish in them Thine own mind and holy fear. Turn away our eyes from beholding iniquity, and our ears from listening to vanity or wickedness. Purify our lips that they may glorify Thee. Cause our hands to abstain from works of iniquity, and to open wide in works of mercy. Avert our steps from the paths of sin, and direct them in the course of

the Gospel. Put Thy fear in all our members, and strengthen our minds, that Thy Spirit may dwell in us. Give us grace that we may hold fast the word of life; so that, saving us from the torment which has no end, and changing these our vile bodies into the likeness of Thy glory, Thou mayest bring us to a blessed and endless life; where we may render glory and praise to Thee, and to Thy Son Whom Thou hast sent for our salvation, and to Thy holy, adorable, and life-giving Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

A. L.; S.

Our Father, &c.

To the Son, to be fruitful hearers of His Gospel.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who saidst to Thy Apostles, "Many prophets and just men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them; but

blessed are your eyes, for ye see; and your ears, for they hear;" make us, we pray Thee, partakers of this blessedness, that we may be worthy to hear, and in works to perform, the holy precepts of Thy Gospel; for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

A. L.; B.

For each other.

O God, Who knowest the secrets of all hearts, and disposest them to what is holy and good; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct our thoughts and affections to the love of Thy commandments, that we may both increase in all the fruits of righteousness more and more. Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom, that we may teach and admonish each other in the spirit of meekness; yea, and smite each other friendly in faithful reproof; edifying each other, and forbearing one another in love: so that, in all the trials and vexations of life, our hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and resting with

full assurance on Thy gracious and watchful protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For their Children.

Behold, O Lord, the children whom Thou hast graciously vouchsafed to give us we humbly dedicate and devote to Thee. O that they may know Thee, and be owned by Thee as Thy children, every one of them, from the greatest to the least. Take Thou possession of their hearts, and enrich them now, even in their early years, with Thy heavenly grace. And teach those whose office it is to instruct them, how to guide them aright, that they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Dispose of them and whatever concerns them in such a manner as may most tend to Thy glory and their salvation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From B. J.

Intercession.

Suffer us, O Lord, who are not worthy to ask anything for ourselves, to pray for the peace of Thy one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; for a blessing on our Queen and on all the Royal Family, that they may be preserved in peace and righteousness; for all her Judges and Magistrates, that they may execute true judgment in Thy holy fear; for the health of Thy people, and the security of this nation; for the continuance of Thy favour, and the remission of our sins. Regard, O Lord, all who have worshipped with us this day in Thy sanctuary: accept their offerings, and return a gracious answer to their prayers. Give them incorruptible things for their corruptible, heavenly things for their earthly, eternal things for their temporal; bless their homes with peace and love, and their substance with increase; and let more and more be added to the number of Thy sincere worshippers and faithful peni-

tents; through the intercession of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C.

THANKSGIVING.

O ADORABLE Lord God, it is right and just and agreeable to the majesty of Thy holiness, that we should praise, and celebrate, and give Thee thanks, and speak of Thy glory, Who art the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great Redeemer, the Image of Thy goodness, the wisdom which was before all ages; the Life, and true Light: for He hath revealed to us the good and holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and of adoption, the Earnest of our future heritage, and the First-fruits of eternal good things; the Fountain of sanctity, by Whom every true child of Thine is sanctified and enlightened; and through Whom Thou hast moreover bestowed upon us innumerable blessings. O bountiful Lord, with never-ceasing prayers, and with perpetual voice of

thanksgiving, we render to Thee, for he victory of our redemption, praise and glory, honour and adoration, world without end. Amen.

A. L.; B.; A. M.

For Blessing and Comfort.

The Lord of life and Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ, bless us and comfort us with His heavenly comfort, consolation, grace, and Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

From J. B.

Monday Evening.

Invocation.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who madest man without imperfection, and by the advent of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, hast destroyed death, which the malice of Satan brought into the world; and hast replenished the earth with heavenly peace; fill our hearts, O Lord, according to Thy good pleasure, with Thy peace; and cleanse us from every spot of sin, from all hypocrisy and deceit, from all evils, and from the harrowing remembrance of injuries. Make us worthy of the great salvation Thou hast wrought out for us, that Thou mayest not reject us and our unworthy supplications; for Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

For Pardon.

O God, Who takest away the sins of the world, prevent us by Thy grace, and accept from Thine unworthy servants the penitent confession of our sins, and grant us free remission; for Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great kindness. Whatever we have offended, in thought, word, or deed, spare and forgive us. O Lord, absolve us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A. T.; B.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

Most gracious God, Who hast joined us Thy servants together in the bands of holy wedlock, grant us Thy grace, that we may be worthy of the honourable estate into which of Thy great mercy Thou hast called us. Make us to increase and abound in love one towards the other, that we may willingly and cheerfully bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. And should either of us,

through the weakness or the wilfulness of the flesh, be betrayed into a spirit of unkindness towards the other, let us be ready to forbear, and quick to forgive, even as Thou, Lord, hast forgiven us, for Christ's sake; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

For their Children.

O God, the Author of life, pour down, we beseech Thee, Thy Spirit upon our seed, and Thy blessing upon our offspring. Regard them as Thy children by adoption and spiritual regeneration. We have helped to bring them into the world, children of wrath; O that Thou wouldest make us instrumental to bring them up in Thy Church, children of grace. Lord, have mercy upon them, and speak life to their souls; and whatever else they want, let them not want Thy grace, and the portion of Thy children, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

From B. J.

Intercession.

Receive, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our prayers for Thy Church and people. Send down from heaven into our hearts that peace which the world cannot give. Release those who are in bonds; relieve those that are in need; feed the hungry, comfort the feeble-minded, bring back those who are gone astray, give light to them that are in darkness, raise up them that are fallen; fix the unstable, heal the sick. Deliver us all, O God, from our iniquities, and be in all things our Protection and Defence, this night and ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; M.

Thanksgiving.

O Lord Jesus, our Saviour, how shall we recount in words and acknowledge with due thanks the whole of that costly dispensation which Thou hast wrought out for us? or trace out Thy voluntary emptying Thyself of the

glory which Thou hadst with Thy Father before all worlds, and taking upon Thee our infirmity? How can we explore the mystery of Thy Nativity, by which Thou hast delivered man from the bondage of Satan, and snatched us from his cruel power? or Thy Baptism in Jordan, whereby Thou didst unfold Thy Father's purpose of adopting us as sons and fellow-heirs with Thee, and reveal to us the mystery of the Holy Trinity? How can we repay Thy unmerited Passion, and Thy voluntary Death, by which Thou hast repressed our passions inclining to sin, and hast slain death, the wages of sin? We admire and extol Thy glorious ascension to the right hand of Thy Father, and Thy exalted session there, far above all the Divine Intelligences, whereby Thou hast opened a way for us to that heavenly region: and whereas Thou hast said, Where I am, there shall also My servants be, so do Thou perform this unto us Thy servants. And for all these things that Thou hast done unto us, and for our continued preservation up to this time, enable us, O

Lord, according to our faculties and powers, to offer adoration and thanksgiving to Thee and Thy Father, with the Holy Ghost, now and evermore. Amen.

A. T.; E.

Benedictory Prayer.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, and all belonging to us, this night and evermore. Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

For Pardon and Divine Aid.

Almighty God, we meekly confess the vain and innumerable acts of sin, which by the infirmity of our will we have contracted upon our consciences; the heavy burdens, and grievous to be borne, which we have heaped upon ourselves by our iniquities, voluntary and involuntary, known and unknown, during our youth and in riper years. These and whatsoever others we have committed from the beginning of our lives to this present time, do Thou blot out and forgive, and spare us through the compassion which is inherent in Thy nature. Preserve us also, Blessed Lord, in this troublesome world from the treacherous

designs of that spiritual serpent who watches our heels: cast down his head, and bruise him under our feet speedily. Be pleased to bless and protect us this night, and in all our lives; and when we shall draw near to go the way of all flesh, send Thine Angel of peace to help us, and bring us, free from Thy just vengeance, and blameless, before the throne of Thy Majesty; and join us to those, our fathers and brethren, who have found favour to stand before Thy face; that with one triumphal voice we may exalt and extol Thy glorious and blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; E.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

Almighty God, Who didst institute marriage in the time of man's innocency, bless this Thine ordinance to the best good of us Thy servants. Unite our affections according to Thy word, that they may not decline,

but remain firm and durable unto the end: and grant, O Lord, that living together in Thy holy fear, and in sobriety and innocency of life, we may mutually help each other forward in the way of salvation, till our union here be swallowed up in an eternal union in Thy blessed presence; through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A sentence from B. J.

For their Children.

Most gracious and merciful Lord God, be Thou a Guide and Guardian to us and to the dear children whom Thou hast entrusted to our care. If it should please Thee to remove any of them from us by death, make us humbly submissive and resigned, and firmly persuaded that all is well. If, while they are young, Thou shouldest remove us from them, be Thou infinitely better to them than we were capable of being; for in Thee the fatherless findeth mercy. And when we are gone to praise Thee in Heaven, let our dear children be praising Thee on earth, and be living

not to themselves, but to Him Who died for them and rose again, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

From P. P. B.

INTERCESSION.

O GOD, our Creator and Saviour, Who forgivest sins, Who redeemest our lives from destruction, and crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies; have mercy upon Thy whole Church, and strengthen the foundations thereof; sow in us the love of peace and concord; let the purity of our faith be increased; prepare for us the right way of piety. Bless our Queen, and rule her heart in Thy fear; bless all the Royal Family; direct and strengthen the bishops and pastors of Thy flock, especially Thy servants whom Thou hast set over us in this diocese and parish, and guide and confirm their congregations in the faith. Give a spirit of kindness to the rich, and of modesty to the great; give succour and contentment to the poor; make strong the old, instruct and en-

lighten the young; comfort the mourners, compassionate the penitent; bless all our relations, friends, and benefactors; forgive, and take from us and all our enemies all hatred and malice; and gladden the hearts of all Thy people, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; G.

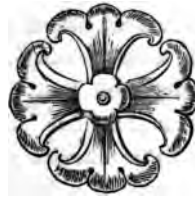
THANKSGIVING.

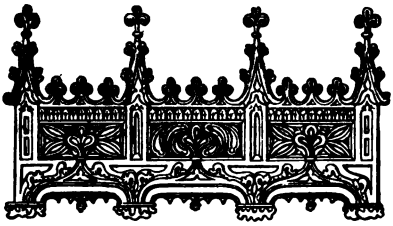
WE give thanks to Thee, O Lord, the Author and Giver of all good things, for that Thou hast protected us, helped and preserved us, enriched us with blessings, received us into Thy presence, and hast pitied us, and brought us even to this hour. But before all, for Thy unspeakable mercies vouchsafed to us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through Thy Holy Spirit. We bless Thee, O Lord, and pray Thee to keep us this night with Thy favourable protection, and guard us all the days of our lives in all peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

Benediction.

God the Father, Who hath created us; God the Son, Who hath redeemed us; God the Holy Ghost, Who hath infused His grace into us; be now and evermore our defence, assist us in all trials, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.





Wednesday Evening.

For Pardon and Grace.

O Lord, Whose only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, was the one and only Person Who was ever united to a body of flesh and entirely subdued all the sinful lusts thereof, so as to leave no room for them to take hold of Him; impute not unto us our sins, nor enter into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight can no flesh be justified. So direct, O Lord, and prepare us in this life, by Thy holy word, and the ministry of Thy Church, by Thy sabbaths and all holy ordinances, for the meeting of Thy Son, that

when He shall come with His holy Angels in the glory of Thee His Father, to gather together His Saints, we may not, through the fondness we have to our passions, or the burden of our sins which we have committed, be let or hindered when His elect shall be taken up to meet Him in the air. Grant that with them we also may sing triumphal hymns, and say with glory and praise, Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord! that in this, as in all other things, Thy Name may be praised and glorified, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; S.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O gracious Lord, Who hast united us Thy servants together that we may sympathize with each other in all crosses, and seek the good of one another; raise up in us such a holy jealousy of those infirmities which we behold in each other, that we may not fail, in the spirit of wisdom and gentleness, to rebuke,

reprove, and warn each other concerning sin and duty. Give us grace also to receive such admonitions with patience and gratitude, and to humble ourselves before Thee in faithful repentance and sincere contrition of heart. And grant that thus helping each other forward in all goodness, and speaking the truth in love, we may both increase in love towards each other and towards all men, and grow up unto Him in all things which is the Head, even Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

For their Children.

Most merciful Lord and heavenly Father, Who hast taught us in Thy holy word how Thou regardest the piety of parents; direct us ever, we beseech Thee, by Thy Good Spirit; and grant that like faithful Abraham, we may both instruct and command our children and household to keep the way of the Lord. Bless all our endeavours for their good, that they may have an

unfeigned faith in Christ Jesus. Preserve them evermore by Thy good providence, and so direct their way, that they may pass the waves of this troublesome world in peace and safety, and finally by Thy mercy attain the land of everlasting life, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

H.; S. P. C. K.

Intercession.

O Lord, Thou God of peace, remember, we pray Thee, Thy one Holy Catholic Church, which is spread even unto the ends of the earth. Bless all people and lands; send Thy heavenly peace into our hearts, and give us also the peace of this life. Bless our Queen and the Prince; her council, magistrates, and people; our neighbours, and all this parish; let our going out and coming in be in all peace and quietness. O Thou Who givest all things, take possession of our hearts; for we know no other God but Thee, and we call upon Thy Holy Name. Hear our prayers for ourselves

and others, and hear their prayers for themselves and us. May our souls live through Thy Holy Spirit, nor let death have the dominion over us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A. T.; B.

THANKSGIVING.

WE give thanks to Thee, O Lord our God, for all Thy benefits bestowed upon us: for our preservation this day from evil and harm, for all the events of Thy providence by which Thou hast delivered us from sin, and preparest us for Thy heavenly kingdom; that Thou hast brought us out of the serpent's power, and makest us to dwell in Thy Church; that Thou hast called us to be Thy sons, and hast handed down to us the dispensation of Thy Gospel; that when we were aliens and far off from Thee, Thou broughtest us near by the blood of Thy Only-begotten Son, and hast promised us a kingdom that perisheth not, good things which pass not away, and joys that have no end. Therefore we render to

Thee our unfeigned praises and hearty thanksgivings, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; Ph.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Thursday Evening.

To the Son, for Pardon and Protection.

O Lord Jesus, we have rebelled against Thee, we have done wickedly. Let not Thy justice look upon our iniquities, so that Thou shouldest drive us away with them that hate Thee. Let not Thy grace be wearied out by the hatefulness of our offences; nor reject us with Thine enemies, lest they rejoice over our destruction, and say to us, Where is your God? But pour out upon us Thy grace, and hide us under the wings of Thy compassion. Be our safeguard this night; stretch out Thy right hand over us; place us under Thy shadow. We have sinned, O Lord, we have done foolishly and wickedly; we have neglected the words of Thy Prophets, we have shut

our ears to the doctrine of Thy Apostles, we have not obeyed Thy life-giving precepts. Have compassion upon us, gracious Lord, and pardon our offences; multiply upon us Thy grace, that in all our ways confessing Thee before men, Thou mayest acknowledge us before Thy Angels; and of Thy pity present us blameless before the presence of Thy Father with exceeding joy, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

A. L.; E.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O God, the Source of all goodness, we pray Thee to look down with an eye of favour upon our union. May it tend to our happiness here and hereafter; may we love each other with a pure heart fervently, and study by our life and conversation to encourage each other in the path of duty. May we use with temperance and moderation the many innocent enjoyments Thou hast placed within our reach: may we be grateful for them; but let us ever

esteem those joys the greatest which arise from communion with Thee, bringing us nearer to Thee, and making us long for those eternal joys which are at Thy right hand for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M. S.

For their Children.

O merciful God, Who givest liberally and upbraidest not, grant us Thy gracious help to enable us to bring up our children in Thy nurture and admonition; that we may watch over them with godly jealousy, cherish in them every Christian principle, and encourage them in every good work. And let the influence of Thy Good Spirit move them to seek Thee with their whole hearts, to exercise repentance towards Thee, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and love Thee above all things; that they may be Thine own children in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From J. G

For the Indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

We beseech Thee, Most Holy God, send to us from the region of Thy blessed presence, Thy Holy Spirit, Who is ever given to those who are accepted by Thee, and perfects and consummates all who know Thee; that, lighting and resting upon us, He may dwell in our hearts, and by the virtue of His grace may sanctify us to the honour of Thy Name. That by the communication of His blessed influence we may have access to Thee here by faith, and may receive eternal blessedness in the heavenly region where the tabernacles of light are fixed, adorned for the marriage of the Lamb; and in communion with those victorious Saints who there keep festival we may enjoy the perpetual feast of Thy presence, and with them celebrate Thee, and sing glory and praise to Thee and the Lamb, Who liveth and was dead, and is alive for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; C. R.

THANKSGIVING.

WHAT glory, or what praise, or what return of thanksgiving can we render to Thee, O God, Thou lover of mankind, for that Thou hast given liberty to us who were guilty of death, and long immersed in sins; and hast revealed to us, and made us partakers of that mystery of redemption which was hidden from ages and generations, that it might be made known among the Princedoms and Powers of Heaven, through Thy Church. Thy wisdom is above all that is thought wise; Thy dispensations toward us above all comprehension. Thou hast enlarged us also with many temporal blessings; Thou hast given us health and prosperity, obedient children, dear relations, and kind friends and benefactors. For this Thy so great tenderness of love, Thy Fatherly solicitude, Thy ever-flowing grace, we do truly render glory to Thee, and to Thine only-begotten Son, and to Thy Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

A. T.; S.

Benediction.

God the Father bless us, God the Son defend us; God the Holy Ghost preserve us, now and for ever. Amen.

C.

Friday Evening.

For Blessing and Protection.

O Lord of mercy, and God of all compassion, from Whom descendeth every good and perfect gift; bless and preserve us Thy sincere worshippers who bow our hearts before Thee this evening: defend us through this night and strengthen us with refreshing sleep; forgive us our sins; bestow upon us Thy tender compassion and the perfect help of Thy grace, according to the promise of Thy Christ; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A. L.; C.

Prayer for Pardon.

O Lord God, full of pity, compassion, and long-suffering; since we have taken upon us to speak before Thee, who are vile dust and miserable sinners, poor and weak, guilty before Thee, aliens, and transgressors even from our mothers' womb, have compassion upon us, O Lord, according to Thy mercy; bring us out of the depth of our transgressions through Thy pity, and grant us remission of our sins, the pardon of our offences, and the blotting out of all our misdeeds; through the mercy and love of our only Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A. T.; N.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O God, Who regardest the union between husband and wife as so near and close, that Thou hast chosen it to be a figure of the

sacred and spiritual marriage of Christ with His Church; give unto us a lively perception of the holiness and happiness of that honourable estate, into which of Thy mercy Thou hast brought us Thy unworthy servants. Grant that we may be one in all things good and holy; that we may be one with Christ, and Christ with us. Let Thy grace suppress all risings of frowardness and impatience in our frail tempers, and whatever else might disturb and embitter the sweet concord of our wedded life. Let the daily contemplation of Thy holy word and will, and the experience of Thine infinite loving-kindness, unite our hearts more perfectly in the love of Thee; that the longer we abide together in this life, the more fervently we may aspire after the joys of an eternal union with Thee and with Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For their Children.

O Heavenly Father, we heartily pray Thee to give us grace, after the examples of

Abraham, David, Philip the Evangelist[e], and such others, to train our children, even from their very infancy, in Thy fear and nurture, and in the knowledge of Thy most healthful word: that we, seeking no less the garniture of their minds with learning and godliness, than the preserving of their bodies with food and raiment, may shew ourselves profitable members of Thy Church's commonweal, and faithful servants to Thee, our Lord God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

B.

Intercession and Thanksgiving.

O Lord God, Almighty Father, we offer up our prayers for Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, which is spread over the face of the whole earth; that Thou wilt preserve it in peace, free from scandal, without blemish, spot, wrinkle, or any such thing; for Thou hast promised by Thine Only-begotten Son

[e] Acts xxi. 8, 9.

Jesus Christ our Lord, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. For our gracious Queen, the Prince, and Royal Family, that they may be endued with the riches of Thy wisdom and grace. For all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, especially our own Pastor, that they may rightly preach the word of truth, and keep the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. For all conditions of Thy people wheresoever they be; for all who have knowingly or ignorantly sinned against Thee; and for all who are praiseworthy and adorn Thy Church by works of righteousness. We beseech Thee also, Merciful Lord, to comfort and relieve all who are grieved with pain or sickness; and to bless us, and all our friends, relatives, and benefactors, (especially—;) that we and all Thy whole Church, being at unity among ourselves, may render unto Thee, for all Thy mercies, and especially for the inestimable gift of redemption by Christ, all praise, honour, thanksgiving and adoration, now, henceforth, and for ever. Amen.

A. L.; A.

Benedictory Prayer.

Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday Evening.

(*Eve of a Communion.*)

Prayer for Sanctification and Protection.

O God, the Creator of all things, Who rulest all things by Thy providence, for Thine are all things; receive this our evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, and grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that immaterial fire which thought cannot comprehend, that it may consume our hardness of heart, and burn up all evil imaginings, destroying the earthliness of our members, and refraining all motions of the mind which impel us to conceptions bringing after them sorrow and repentance: and make us, as becometh Christians, superior

to the things of the earth which are earthy; and grant that we may retire to rest this night with our hearts fixed on Thee, and disposed to approach Thee on the ensuing holy day, and by faith with thanksgiving to receive the sacred memorials of Thy love, which Thou hast given us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C.

THANKSGIVING; AND PRAYER FOR PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION.

O GOD, Who hast fore-ordained us to the dignity of sons, according to the good pleasure of Thy will, to the glory and praise of Thy grace which Thou hast bestowed upon us through Thy Beloved, by Whom we have salvation, and through Whose most precious Blood is given to us the remission of sins; we give thanks to Thee, O Lord God, Father Almighty, that Thou hast invited us, sinners as we are, to stand before Thee on the morrow in Thy holy place, and to partake of the Body

and Blood of Thy Son. And we beseech Thee that as Thou hast inclined us to receive, so also Thou wilt make us worthy of the communion and perception of those holy and heavenly mysteries. Thou Who openest the eyes of the blind, open the eyes of our souls, that we may repel from us all the darkness of malice and wickedness whereby we may be defiled; that we may be able to lift up our eyes to the awful splendour of Thy glory. Fulfil, Lord, upon us Thy gracious promise, I will heal their backslidings, I will love them freely; let our iniquity be taken away, and our sin purged; and grant that with purity of mind and spirit we may approach Thee, lifting up holy hands, and presenting before Thee the acceptable sacrifice of a broken spirit and a contrite heart, which Thou wilt not despise. Vouchsafe to sanctify our souls, our bodies, our lips, and our hearts; and give unto us that true and living bread, which same down from Heaven, and giveth life to our souls, bodies, and spirits, even the holy Body and precious Blood of Thy Christ; not

to our condemnation, or that we may fall into judgment; neither to our confusion, nor to weeping over our offences in that we may have communicated unworthily, and so have become guilty before Thee; nor let the multitude of Thy blessings, O Lord, be the cause to us of greater and heavier judgment, if we should be ungrateful towards Thee, Thou Author of all good. But bestow largely upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that with pure hearts, and clear consciences, without confusion of face, in faith unfeigned, in perfect charity, and in stedfast hope, we may venture to come before Thee with confidence in the merits and intercession of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O Holy and Omnipotent God, Who art Peace, Love, and Goodness; the Father and Lord of all who love peace; grant that we

Thy servants, being filled with humility and hope, and confirmed in true and spiritual faith in Thee, may be knit together in mutual affection, through the constraining power of that love which is the fulfilling of Thy law; and that without contention or debate, we may live together in unity of purpose, to our mutual edification; striving only for whatever may best promote the glory of Thy Name, and the good of those whom Thou hast entrusted to our care: that so we may be made worthy of those good things which Thy holy and well-beloved Son has promised to them that love Thee; through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A. L.; M. B.

For their Children.

Almighty God, the Father and Maker of us all, Who of Thy blessing and goodness hast vouchsafed to make us the father and mother of children; be pleased to accept our hearty thanksgiving and devout praise for the

same. And grant us Thy heavenly grace and assistance so to train them up in Thy godly nurture, virtue, religion, and discipline, that they may continually serve, honour, and obey Thee their heavenly Father; and that Thou, acknowledging and blessing them as Thy children here, mayest bring them to the blessing prepared for Thy children hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C.

Thanksgiving, and Intercession.

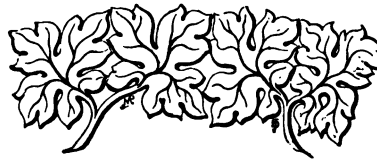
O Lord, mighty God, with blessings and adoration for the continued mercies of the week past, we beseech Thee for Thy Holy Church, and for all the members of it, especially for those in this parish, that we may be mutually joined together in love, by one band of charity and peace, and that we may be one body and one spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling. O Lord, we beseech Thee to convert those who are gone out of the way, to give light to those who are in darkness, to strengthen the weak, to raise up

those who are fallen, to confirm those who stand; and through Thy tender mercies to grant to us, our parents, children, family, and neighbours, those things which are useful and profitable for us in time and in eternity; for the sake of the ever-blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; M.

Benedictory Prayer.

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.



Sunday Evening.

(*After a Communion.*)

Invocation.

O Lord, the riches of Thy gifts surpass all our faculties of speech, and all our powers of mind, for Thou hast hidden from the wise and prudent, and revealed unto babes those things which prophets and kings desired to see and have not seen. Thou hast vouchsafed to us sinners that we should come before Thee, not with the sacrifices of bulls, and goats, and the fat of rams, but with faith in the precious sacrifice of that spotless Lamb, which taketh away the sins of the world. O Lord, purify

our lips, deliver our minds from all earthly defilement; send us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not fall into judgment, but receive from Thee every needful blessing, both of body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; B.

For Pardon, Acceptance and Direction.

Have respect, O Blessed Lord, unto us Thy servants, who bow our heads and our hearts this evening before Thy sacred glory, and unto all those who with us have met together in Thy Sanctuary this day, and have partaken of the holy and heavenly mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour. Forgive whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us or our services; and grant unto us the remission of our sins: bless us with all spiritual benediction, and keep us by the right hand of Thy power. Confirm us in Thy love; impress Thy fear upon our hearts; open the eyes of our souls, that the light of Thy Divinity may

shine upon them: instruct us by the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit; gird us with Thine armour; keep us under the shadow of Thy goodness; deliver us from the evil works of the Devil, and dash them in pieces under our feet speedily. Grant unto us, O Lord, that we may perform Thy holy precepts; implant in us a desire of Thine eternal good things; keep us in peace and safety this night, and defend us by Thy holy Angels. Bless the works of our hands; direct our paths, and rule our lives; order what things are good and convenient for us, and that we may well employ the talents committed to us: and grant unto us that we may be rendered worthy of Thy grace, and send up to Thee the praises due to Thy Divine Majesty, and that we may always have confidence before Thee, through the intercession of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C.

Our Father, &c.

For each other.

O Eternal God, Who madest man out of the dust of the ground, and out of his side didst form woman, and join her unto him to be a help meet for him, because it was the pleasure of Thy Majesty that man should not be alone upon the earth; send down Thy blessing upon us Thy servants, and guide us in every good work. As Thou hast permitted us again to partake together of the broken Body and the poured out Blood of our most Blessed Lord, so grant that we may both feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving, and be together preserved in body and soul unto everlasting life. Grant unto us perfect love, peace, and mutual help, that we may be preserved in concord and steadfast fidelity to each other, and be blessed in innocency of life, and in the holy fear of Thy Name. Bless us in our family, and give us cause to rejoice in the sight of our sons and our daughters; and add unto us and them all

things necessary to salvation. Even so, good Lord, be merciful to us, protect, and save us by Thy grace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

From G. C.

For their Children.

O Thou Who hearest prayer, and grantest the petitions of them that fear Thee, and savest them; Who didst hear righteous Job when he rose up early in the morning and offered sacrifice for his children, Lest (he said) my sons have thought evil in their hearts before God, and have sinned,—hear us also, we beseech Thee, while we pray for our children. Make them free from all conscience of evil things, from every unfruitful and unprofitable action, and from every vile imagination of things profane and contrary to purity. Grant them, O Lord, the knowledge of their sins, that they may humbly confess and repent of them. Give them sincere

repentance and conversion to Thee. Spare them, O Lord; for Thine are all things, and from Thee are the rewards of our deliverance, which is no work of our hands. We therefore glorify Thy power, O our King, and beseech Thee to fulfil us and all ours with Thy heavenly benediction, and direct us into Thy holy will and fear, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A. L.

THANKSGIVING.

WE thank Thee, O Lord, the gracious Benefactor of our souls, that Thou hast permitted us on this sacred day to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness in Thy Sanctuary. Our mouth is filled with joy, and our tongue with gladness, that we have been counted worthy to partake of Thy holy mysteries. Those things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive, Thou, O God, hast prepared for them that love Thy Name, and hast revealed them

to the little ones of Thy Holy Church. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight! Continue to us Thy grace. Perfect us unto our last breath of life in the faith of the Holy Trinity; for every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from above, and descendeth from Thee, the Father of Lights. And to Thee we offer glory, giving of thanks, and adoration; to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

A. T.; B.

Benedictory Prayer.

The good Lord pardon every one that loveth Him with his whole heart, and seeketh the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the saints. Amen.

A. From 2 Chron. xxx. 18, 19.

Morning Prayers

FOR

A PERSON IN PRIVATE.

IF THOU SHALT SEEK THE LORD THY GOD

THOU SHALT FIND HIM;

IF THOU SEEK HIM

WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL.

THE SAME LORD OVER ALL

IS RICH

UNTO ALL THAT CALL UPON HIM.

FOR WHOSOEVER

SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD

SHALL BE SAVED.

MY VOICE SHALT THOU HEAR BETIMES, O LORD:

EARLY IN THE MORNING

WILL I DIRECT MY PRAYER UNTO THEE,

AND WILL LOOK UP.

Deut. iv. 29. Rom. x. 12, 13. Ps. v. 3.

MORNING PRAYERS FOR A PERSON IN PRIVATE.

Sunday Morning.

Invocation.

O God Most High, wonderful in mercy and goodness, open the door of Thy mercies to the supplications of Thine unworthy servant, and receive my prayers according to the abundance of Thy grace. Look upon me as Thy son, and an heir of Thy kingdom, and be merciful to my iniquities, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; J. C.

For Pardon.

O merciful God, I humbly beseech Thee, take away, pardon, and blot out my sins, which through the frailty of our nature I have committed from my youth up until now, whether secretly or openly, especially those for which in the world to come condemnation is prepared. O Lord, forgive my many offences, replenish my heart with Thy peace, and grant to me, that when the just shall be gathered as wheat in Thy granaries, and the wicked shall be burnt up as chaff, I may be counted worthy to praise Thee in the assemblies of Thy saints, and rejoice with the redeemed to sing, Blessed is He that came for our salvation, and that now cometh for our renewal in the second regeneration; that in this as in all things Thy Blessed Name may be glorified and praised by all, with our Lord Jesus Christ, and Thy Holy Spirit, for evermore.

A. T.; C. R.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

PSALMS, and a Lesson.

TO THE FATHER.

HOLY Father, the Giver of peace and the Bestower of good things, Who hast begotten to Thyself an eternal offspring, and art great above all comprehension in Thy Divine gifts which Thou hast imparted to us, sinners, and yet Thy sons; mark not, I beseech Thee, our unworthiness, nor deprive us, on account of our want of filial confidence in Thee, of the means of grace which Thou hast appointed in Thy holy Sabbaths and Christian ordinances; but send Thy benediction upon the whole congregation of Thy worshippers, and fill us with the grace and light of Thy knowledge, and receive the prayers of Thy flock; that in purity of heart we may keep holiday with Thy Church, and offer Thee

the tribute of our worship, and exalt Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; S. D.

To the Son.

Merciful Lord Jesu, Who tookest upon Thee our flesh, and wast touched with the feeling of our infirmities, look graciously upon us in this house, and upon all Thy servants who shall assemble with us this day in the Lord's Sanctuary. Turn not away thy face from us, O Lord; nor regard us in Thy just anger; neither let our sins and iniquities enter into Thy holy Presence. Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord, nor act towards us as toward those whose hope hath been cut off; neither take Thou vengeance upon us, as upon Thine enemies. Drive us not away as aliens, nor cast us off from Thy Presence; for we acknowledge Thy most Holy Name, and confess Thy Divinity. But do unto us according to Thy true and infallible promises; be Thou in the midst of us, remit our of-

fences, be merciful to our sins, and have compassion on Thine heritage and on the sheep of Thy flock, penitently imploring Thy pity, for Thy most precious Name's sake. Amen.

A. L.; S. J. Eb.

To the Holy Ghost.

O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, Who fillest all things, and art God over all, of one substance with the Father and the Son; Who didst appear in the form of a dove upon our Lord Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, and descendedst upon the holy Apostles in the form of fiery tongues; Who ever distributest gifts among men, and dividest and givest to each severally as Thou willest, sustaining life in those who live, and perfecting holiness in the Saints; come down, I beseech Thee, rest upon us, upon our Pastor and all in this parish, and dwell in us, feeble as we are, that we may perceive the breath and ray of Thy approach, and that our prayers this day may through Thee

be sanctified. Grant that by Thy blessed influence we may have the eyes of our minds illuminated to the understanding and acknowledgment of the truth, and that we may be quickened to vigilance for our souls, to the true participation of adoption as sons, and to a lively hope of our inheritance in the kingdom of Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; S. P. and E.

The Collect for the Day.

For Wife, or Husband.

O God of all grace, bless me and Thine handmaid, (*or*, servant,) whom Thou hast knitted unto me by matrimony, in our intercourse with each other. Fill us with Thy grace, that we may be endeared to each other by the holiness of our behaviour. Teach us to watch over our ways, that we may never be surprised by sudden temptation, or a careless spirit. Set a watch, O Lord, before

our mouths, and keep the door of our lips, that we offend not in tongue, nor ever provoke one another to wrath. Teach us to think supremely of Thee and what is in order to Thy service and glory; to speak often to one another of Thee and Thy glories, and to do nothing but what becomes Thy servants, whom Thine infinite mercy through Christ, by the graces of Thy Holy Spirit, hath sealed up unto the day of Redemption. Amen.

From J. T.

And Children.

O Holy Father, forasmuch as Thou hast commanded fathers and mothers, whom Thou hast blessed with the gift of children, to take diligent care for the virtuous bringing up of their sons and daughters, grant us Thy grace, I most humbly beseech Thee, that we may carefully watch over our children, and faithfully train them up in the knowledge and practice of Thy holy Faith; that they may learn, even from their very cradles, to know Thee, their

Lord God, to believe in Thee, to fear Thee, to love Thee, and to walk in Thy holy commandments all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

From B.

For Grace.

O Father of mercies and God of all consolation, grant unto me that I may diligently observe all Thy precepts, and make me worthy to approach Thee (in Thy Sanctuary this day), and to offer up my humble prayers (with Thy people) before Thy Majesty. Turn to *us*, O Lord, and send *us* the blessings which flow from Thee. Let Thy right hand overshadow *us*, invisible, and full of blessings; surround *us* with a wall of defence against all the snares of Thine and our adversary, and of all the enemies of our souls; deliver *us* from those temptations, and exempt *us* from all those evils, secret and manifest, which on account of *our* sinfulness are ever ready to assail *us;* and keep *us* evermore, I pray Thee, in Thy

love, and faith, and fear, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.; A. M.

IF IN HOLY ORDERS, BEFORE GOING TO CHURCH.

REMEMBER, Lord, my frailness, and the poverty of my soul, and vouchsafe that I may feel how great a dignity it is to minister in Thy Sanctuary. Take away from me all vain and selfish desires, nor let me have this day's ministry to account for in that terrible day. Deliver me from all the works of my powerful adversary, neither destroy me on account of mine iniquities, nor be angry with Thy servant for ever. Keep not my sins in remembrance, but shew Thy goodness towards me, and deliver me, though unworthy, according to the multitude of Thy mercies toward me, that I may bless Thee all the days of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear, Lord, the supplications of Thy people; have respect unto the sighs of Thy servants,

and deprive not Thy flock, through my sins, or the unworthiness of my heart, of the presence of Thy Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A. T.; C.

THANKSGIVING.

WHO is sufficient, O Lord, to recount the abundance of Thy mercy, or to tell of the greatness of Thy love towards men! Who, when we were held captive by the sinfulness of our nature, and were bound with the chain of our iniquities, didst count us worthy of the washing of regeneration in Holy Baptism, and to be called Thy sons! O grant to us, that, cleansed from all filth of sin by the renewing of the Holy Spirit, and keeping ourselves pure in body and soul, we may be made worthy of that blessedness which is promised of Thee to those who do Thy will, and of the enlightenment and comfort of Thy Holy Spirit, and of the exercise towards us of the atoning Priesthood of Thy Beloved Son: to Whom, with

Thee and the Holy Ghost, belong glory and dominion for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; E.

For Reliance on God, and Peace therewith.

O Lord, let my mind be stayed on Thee, that Thou mayest keep me in perfect peace all the days of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Communion.

O Lord Most High, I bow my head and my heart before Thee, humbly entreating the forgiveness of all my perversities, which by wilfulness or negligence I have committed. Do Thou of Thy continual pity blot out and do away all my iniquities, and spare me through Thy loving compassion. Grant likewise unto me, that with careful preparation of soul, with thoughts weaned from the world, and with a clean heart, I may partake of Thy

holy things this day; that they may be a pledge to me of forgiveness and acceptance, and of holy joys abiding for eternity, through the grace and compassion of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C. R.

After Communion.

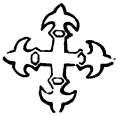
Now, O Lord, that Thou hast received me to Thy Holy Table, and hast invited me to Thy kingdom by vouchsafing to me the reception of Thy Holy and Life-giving mysteries, by which Thou hast made me welcome to partake, in communion with Thy people, of the holy Body and precious Blood of Thy dear Son, and hast called us to be heirs with Thy Saints; I beseech and implore of Thy mercy, that Thou mayest not be extreme to require of me that strict and exact observance which is beyond my infirmity to give, and that Thou mayest not condemn me, with those that have not known Thee, to the tor-

ments of unquenchable fire; but through Thy grace grant unto me rest and peace with Thy faithful sons, and make us to lie down with Thy lambs in Paradise, that with them and among them I may offer to Thee glory and perpetual thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; C. R.[a]

[a] That this office for private devotion may not be entirely wanting in some prayers appropriate for the Holy Communion, these two short collects are inserted from the Liturgy of S. Clement of Rome: but the larger preparations are earnestly recommended, of Bishop Wilson and others, or the Eucharistica of Bishop Wilberforce.

*** A convenient place is marked out in the course of these prayers for reading Psalms and other portions of Holy Scripture, if, as it is desirable, that exercise be joined with the private devotions. Nevertheless, if another time be more suitable, every one may use his liberty herein, as good Bishop Taylor somewhere says, so it be not neglected.



Monday Morning.

Invocation.

Most gracious Lord, Who knowest the hearts of all, holy and dwelling in holiness, Who only art without sin, and mighty for the remission of sin; Thou knowest my unworthiness, how feebly disposed, how little prepared I am to come before Thee. But I trust not in any thing that is in me, that I should approach and open my mouth before Thy sacred glory, but in Thy manifold mercies. Pardon, Lord, my sins, and grant that I may find grace and mercy at this time; and send me strength from above, that I may begin with preparation of heart, and complete as seemeth pleasing to Thee, this my daily wor-

ship, according to the good pleasure of Thy will. So, Lord, be with me; aid my prayers; and bless me; for Thou art the forgiver of sin, the light of our souls, our life, strength, and confidence! and to Thee, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be ascribed praise, glory, and adoration, now and evermore. Amen.

A. T.; B.

For Pardon.

O God, Who through Thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast burst all the chains of sin by His prevailing atonement; I beseech Thee of Thy goodness to grant me Thy mercy, and loose all the chains with which I am still bound. Whatever I have sinned against Thee, wittingly or unwittingly, whether from the hardness and blindness of my heart, in word or deed, or from cowardice and failure of faith, Thou, Lord, Who knowest my weakness, grant me a full and perfect remission; bless, and sanctify me; absolve me from my sins, fulfil

me with Thy fear, and direct me to Thy good and holy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

A. T.; B

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

Psalms; and a Lesson.

The Collect for the Week.

FOR GRACE AND SANCTIFICATION.

MOST mighty Lord God, Who seest hidden things and penetratest into futurity, the fountain of life, and the origin of blessedness and goodness; I beseech Thee, most Holy Lord sanctify my mind and thoughts, cleanse my heart and my soul, refrain the inordinance of my imaginations. Clothe me with the precious ornaments of grace, and sanctify me by

Thy Spirit, Who perfecteth all things, Who dwelleth in all pure minds, and hath His habitation with the meek and lowly in heart; and to Whom, with Thee and Thy Blessed Son, be all praise, love, and obedience for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; C. R.

For Wife or Husband.

O God, Who after other things set in order, didst appoint that out of man, created after Thine own image and similitude, woman should take her beginning; and, knitting them together, didst teach that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom Thou by matrimony hadst made one; look graciously upon me and my dear wife (*or* husband); give unto us high and reverent thoughts of this sacred ordinance; of the ends for which it was appointed; of the irrevocable nature of the vows it seals; of the sanctified blessings annexed to its faithful observance; and of the

dignity which belongs to it as a type of the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and His Church. O Lord, look mercifully upon us with Thy favour, and so fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Partly M.

And Children.

Lord, Thou knowest my care and concern, and I desire to cast it upon Thee. Let serious godliness in our family make our dwelling a house of God, and a school for Christ and glory. Let our children do more and better service for Thee in their day, than we have in ours. And before the tribunal of Christ may we joyfully say, Here are we, and the children Thou gavest us. Grant us this rich grace, O our God, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From P. P. B.

For Strength and Aid.

To Thee, O God, the Head of the living, and Lord of the dead, I offer up my humble prayers, and bow my head before Thee, trusting that I shall be visited by Thy grace, in which is placed all our help and strength. Be merciful therefore, O God, and send down upon me the gift which is from Thee, and Thy rich compassion. Absolve, and purge me from every spot and stain of sin, both of flesh and spirit; enrich me with the benediction of Thy loving kindness, confirming me in the certain hope of Thy promises, and in the daily study and observance of Thy wholesome laws; make me anxious and reverent; unconquered by the numerous and malignant temptations of the adversary; and remove from me all the iniquity of sin; that I may profess, adore, and praise Thee, O Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; B. A.

Intercession to the Son.

O Thou Who wert from everlasting begotten from the eternal Light, and yet didst not abhor the Virgin's womb, I bless Thy Name, and pray that Thy right hand may rest perpetually upon Thy Holy Church which Thou hast redeemed. Remember with Thy favour our Queen, the Prince, and all the Royal Family, replenish them with the love of Thy Name. Direct her councillors, and guide her judges in wisdom and truth. Preserve in honour the bishops of Thy Church, and endue with grace all who minister to Thee. Help the old, and let the hoary head be as a crown of righteousness. Restrain the impetuosity of the young; and let our children be trained up in modesty and be brought to the true knowledge of Thee. Heal the infirm, wash away the stains of sinners, and call the dying to Thy holy fear and to the acknowledgment of Thee: send plenty to the

needy, be a Guardian to the fatherless, and a Comforter to the widows. Bless all who look for salvation through Thy cross; sanctify Thy flock, lead the sheep into Thy fold, confirm the lambs in Thy doctrines, and visit each one in his own place and rank according to Thy mercy. Accept the offerings of those who love Thy Church and give to Thy poor, and enlarge them in return with Thy good things exceeding all desire or desert; be mindful of all the faithful sons of Thy Church, increase their number, and join us all in Thy good time to the blessed ranks of those who surround Thy throne; there to ascribe honour and thanksgiving to Thee, and Thy Father, and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

A. T.; E. and S. M.; Syr.

THANKSGIVING.

HOLY art Thou, O God the Father Almighty, with Thy Son, of Thee begotten, and Thy Holy Spirit the Comforter; Who when we

should have perished by transgression of Thy command didst send Thine Only-begotten Son to our help, Who by His life-giving passion restored us to our former heritage, and redeemed us by His precious Blood. All thanks and praise be unto Thee, O Lord. Mindful of this Thy merciful dispensation towards us, I beseech Thee, by the Nativity and Holy Baptism of Thy dear Son, by His Passion, Death, and Burial, by His glorious Resurrection and Ascension, be merciful unto us, and pardon our offences. Take away our sins and follies according to the riches of Thy mercy; wash us, and make us white in the Blood of the Lamb, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; S. M.; Spr.

Benedictory Prayer.

May the grace and blessing of the Holy, Uncreated, Adorable Trinity rest upon me, and all belonging to me, now and evermore. Amen.

Tuesday Morning.

Invocation.

O Eternal God, without beginning and without end, great in counsel, and mighty in works, Who art every where, and in all things; be with me, Lord, at this time; be with Thine unworthy servant; purify my heart, and sanctify my soul; cleanse me from all the sins I have committed, voluntarily, or involuntarily. Instruct me how to open my mouth before Thee, that with a contrite and humble spirit I may offer to Thee a reasonable sacrifice this morning, the sacrifice of blessing, and spiritual incense. And may I receive blessings from Thee, O Lord, that I may go forth in peace this day, and have strength

and grace to do Thy will all the days of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.

For Pardon.

O God our Father, merciful and kind, long-suffering and of great goodness, Whom the Angels and Archangels and all the host of Heaven worship and adore; look down upon me Thy humble servant, and sanctify me throughout, that I may be to Thee, as a new-born son, spiritual, pure, and holy. Direct my steps in Thy holy ways; preserve me from all temptations of body and soul; and cast down Satan under my feet. Pardon all my sins, backslidings, and forgetfulness of Thee; and grant me the rich mercy which is of Thee in Christ Jesus our Lord, with Whom and Thy Holy Spirit, Thou art blessed and praised by all Thy creatures now and for ever. Amen.

A. L.; S. M. Syr.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

Psalms; and a Lesson.

The Collect for the Week.

FOR DAILY PROTECTION.

O THOU Giver of all grace, I humbly commend the direction of my life to Thy holy guidance. Grant that I may neither be tempted nor overcome by the artifices of Thine or our enemy, and pour out upon me, and upon all belonging to me, Thine incomprehensible mercy, and grant to each one of us that which to him is most needful. Strengthen and help us all; preserve the old by Thy great power; keep the young in remembrance of Thy solicitude over them; behold in mercy

the children, and instruct them in Thy Divine and holy teaching; seal and confirm us all in the blessed doctrine of the Cross, and bring us to Thy Heavenly Kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A. L.; S. M.; Spr.

For Wife or Husband.

O Gracious Father, Who hast given Thy servant and his wife (*or*, her husband) to each other, and in Thy good providence hast placed us together in this Parish, and hast taught us in Thy word to love the brotherhood, and that we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another; prepare us, I beseech Thee, to be more a blessing to this place. Make us so happy in Thy love, that we may spread this happiness among others. Let grace and peace so rest upon us, that they may beam through us on all around. Let us never live to ourselves, but to Him

Who hath loved us and given Himself for us; and let not our feeblest efforts be unblessed by Thee, for Christ's sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Partly E. B.

And Children.

O Bountiful God, Who hast crowned our marriage with a blessed dowry of children, surrounding our table like olive branches, a goodly heritage of the Lord, making glad our hearts with happy voices and innocent mirth, blessed be Thy Name. Grant us Thy continual grace that we may diligently train them up in the way they should go; and do Thou preserve them in purity of heart and in innocency of life, that like Thy Holy Child Jesus they may increase in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. Let not their minds, as they advance in age, be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ; but grant that, seeking Thee from their earliest years with their whole heart, they may ever

retain the freshness and sincerity of their first love of Thee; and serving Thee all their lives in newness of spirit, and in constancy of faith, may in Thy good time inherit Thy promises, and attain Thy kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

O GOD, Whose providence extends over all Thy creatures, and affordeth them aid in all extremities, behold with favour Thy Holy Church, and every member of it. Be mindful of all who have built in faith upon the foundation of the Prophets and Apostles, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord being their chief cornerstone: regard their continual prayers and holy lives, and endue them with grace that they may persevere in the observance of Christian morals, and rejoice with spiritual joy, and glorify Thy Name. Confound all heresies and

schisms which impugn Thy Church, and turn the hearts of those who foment them. Convert the transgressors of Thy word, and make Thy ways known to those who meditate evil in their hearts. Preserve our relations and friends; visit the infirm, strengthen the weak, help the oppressed, and preserve us all from the snares of deceivers. Vouchsafe Thine especial aid to all those who go out into distant lands, to declare Thine honour unto the heathen and Thy wonders unto all people; hear the prayers of Thy people, who keep not silence before Thee, and give Thee no rest, till Thou establish, and till Thou make Jerusalem a praise in the earth; and hasten the time when the heathen shall fear Thy Name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy Majesty; when the Lord shall build up Sion, and when Thy glory shall appear; when all people shall rejoice before Thee, and sing praises to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

Parily A. L.; Mar.; Syr.

Thanksgiving to the Son.

What returns of love and thanksgiving can I make to Thee, O Christ, our God and King, for Thine ineffable love to us and to all mankind, Who hast called Thy banished ones, who sometime were far off and strangers to the covenants of promise, and hast made us nigh by Thy precious blood, and hast brought us into fellowship and communion with Thee, and made us capable of obtaining a happy and joyful life with Thee in Thy eternal Kingdom. O continue Thy favour towards us, and make us fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, that we may render glory, honour, and adoration to Thee, and Thy Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and evermore. Amen.

A. L.; J. R.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Wednesday Morning.

Invocation.

O Invisible and Incomprehensible God, Ineffable and Infinite, Who dwellest in the Holy of Holies, in a secret habitation, not made with hands, above the Heaven of Heavens; Who castest down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against Thy wisdom, and bringest into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; Thou Most Blessed; look down upon me Thy unworthy servant out of the habitation of Thy eternal kingdom. Send unto me the gifts of Thy Divine grace, the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit; for Thou art rich in

mercy, and abundant in blessing, and of infinite love: grant that I may ask of Thee those things which are proper for me to ask and for Thee to give; for Thou hast an inexhaustible treasure which can never fail; and accept my offerings of prayer, confession, and thanksgiving, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C. R. and A.

For Pardon.

O Lord, I humbly and sorrowfully bewail my daily transgressions of Thy holy law: be merciful to my iniquities, and call not to remembrance the sins I have committed; but graciously pardon me, and spare me in this life from heavy judgments, and from the heaviest of all, the loss of Thy favourable guidance and pardoning mercy; and bring me in the next to the blessed habitations of Light, Joy and Gladness, that both here and there I may praise, venerate, and extol Thy most

honoured and blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

Psalms; and a Lesson.

The Collect for the Week.

FOR A BLESSING ON READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

O GOD, Who by Thy Spirit spakest to us in the Prophets, and by the Apostles didst preach unto us the doctrine sufficient to inspire our minds with wisdom, and through them hast commended to us that which may purify the spiritual senses of the soul, and cleanse the inlets of our hearts; I beseech and implore Thy love towards me, and Thy wonderful grace, that Thou wouldest open my

heart to receive Thy holy word, which has been delivered to us from of old, and in which are set down the precepts and rules for our instruction in righteousness, and for the direction of our lives in uprightness and holiness: that in all my thoughts, words, and works, I may be governed by Thy holy teaching and guidance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C. R.

For Grace and Protection.

O Lord, I bend my knees before Thee, and humble my mind, thoughts, and heart in Thy holy Presence, commending my soul to Thy care, in hope of Thine infinite mercy. Send down upon me Thy heavenly grace; the multitude of gifts which are needful for my daily help, and the abundance of eternal good things, making me rich in works of piety and charity; and commit me, I pray Thee, to the

keeping of Thy holy Angels, for Thou art rich in gifts, and of abundant compassion. Help and keep me, O God; bless and sanctify me; save and defend me this day and ever, through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; J. C. and E.

For Wife or Husband.

O Lord, Whose ears are open to the prayers of Thy people, bless me and my dear wife, (*or* husband,) in our union. Let it appear that we have been given to each other, and brought together in Thy providence, to be a full blessing to each other, in body and soul, for time and for eternity. O may we, through Thy imparted grace, bring to one another that daily help and comfort, both in things secular and religious, which Thou didst design for us by our union as husband and wife together, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

E. B.

And Children.

O Lord, Who hast committed to *our* trust the charge of children, to help to bring them up for Thee; give *us* grace to train them up in the way they should go. Let *us* bear them on *our* hearts in secret prayer, and do Thou prosper all *our* efforts for their good. May *we* consider how responsible and weighty *our* charge is, and glorify Thy Name by faithful diligence in the use of all the means of Thy appointment for their present and eternal welfare; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

E. B.

A general Intercession.

O God, Whose providence extends over all Thy creatures, I beseech Thee to remember Thy Holy Church; strengthen its foundations in the true faith, and preserve it in perpetual tranquillity and in abundant peace.

Remember all Bishops, who preside in it, and all Pastors who are separated for Thy ministry, especially Thy servant, N.—, who ministereth in this parish, that they may adorn it by purity of manners, and diligently and faithfully feed Thy flock committed to their charge. I pray for our Queen, that she may abide in Thy fear, and govern Thy people in righteousness; for the Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; and for all Thy people; that they may be faithful to the vows of their Baptism, and may be blessed and sanctified by Thy Spirit. Accept also my humble intercessions, howsoever unworthy, for our (*or*, my) parents, relations, friends, and benefactors; be gracious unto them, and enrich them with Thy heavenly gifts. Turn the hearts of our enemies, and deliver both them and us from all envy, hatred and malice; and keep us all in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. T.; C. R.

THANKSGIVING.

HOLY art Thou, O God the Father; Holy art Thou, O God the Son; Holy art Thou, O God the Holy Ghost; a Trinity holy and undivided, One only and Holy God, Who art adored in three Persons, and art glorified in unity of substance. I cannot worthily extol the excellent virtue of Thy Majesty, Who didst form man in Thine own image, and didst endue him with wisdom, and didst prescribe to him a limit appointed of Thee, lest he should transgress Thy command: but when he had erred and despised Thy law, he incurred thereby the sentence of death, and was driven away into banishment. But Thou his Creator, merciful and good, didst not cast off Thy care of him, but didst determine and appoint all things for his redemption, even to the sending Thy eternal and only-begotten Son into the world, Who finished His life-giving dispensation by the sacrifice of Himself upon the Cross. O grant that we may

keep this Thine unspeakable love in perpetual remembrance, and adore Thee with our lips and in our lives, both now and evermore. Amen.

A. L.; C. R.

Deprecation.

The Lord deliver me from every evil work, and preserve me unto His heavenly kingdom: to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday Morning.

Invocation.

O Lord, let my prayer be set before Thee this morning as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as an acceptable sacrifice. Set a watch before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips; and let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing, to practise wicked works. Remember, Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old; and impute not to me the things which I have done ignorantly or foolishly. Remember not against me the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions in riper years; but according to Thy mercy remember Thou me, for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Let Thy mercy be magnified upon me in the forgive-

ness of all my sins, for Jesus Christ's sake our Redeemer. Amen.

A. L.; O. C.

For Pardon.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I have sinned against Thee, and done evil in Thy sight. Cast me not away from Thy presence, nor do unto me as my iniquities have deserved; but cleanse me from every stain of sin, and give me pardon of my offences, the remission of my sins, the true knowledge of the faith, a laudable zeal for religion, and a part in the life to come, through the merciful intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A. L.; C.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

Psalms; and a Lesson.

The Collect for the Week.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DAILY MERCIES, AND PRAYER FOR DAILY GRACE AND PROTECTION, AND FOR SANCTIFICATION THROUGH THE DIVINE INDWELLING.

O LORD our God, I humbly bend the knees of my body and of my soul before Thee, because I am not able or worthy to render to Thy Majesty the due tribute of thanksgiving, such as I ought to render to Thee in gratitude for Thy manifold mercies vouchsafed to me (and mine), but this only I thankfully acknowledge and rejoice in, that all our gifts and blessings, how-many soever we have, are from Thee. O Lord, put words in my lips that may be sufficient for the becoming acknowledgment of Thy goodness and praise of Thee. Grant unto us that in the whole course of our lives we may appear pure before Thee; and remove all our senses of body and mind from all worldly vanity, and from earthly thoughts tending to alienate our souls from Thee; from the motions of our passions,

and from all loose imaginations: and by the strength of Thy power extend over us this day Thy right hand, embracing all things, and bless us Thy servants and worshippers, who have obtained redemption through Thy Son; and do Thou even make us the temples of Thy habitation and the dwelling-places of Thy glory; that we may be throughly sanctified in heart and life, and that in the last eternal day we may rejoice in Thy kingdom, and be saved by Thee, and may render glory and giving of thanks to Thee and Thy Son and Holy Spirit, for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; C. R.

For Wife or Husband.

O merciful and loving Lord God, Who at the beginning, for the propagation of mankind, didst take Eve out of the side of Adam, and give her to him as a help meet for him; I give Thee humble thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to call me to the honourable estate of matrimony. Give Thy grace unto me and

Thy servant whom Thou hast given me, that we may lead a life worthy thereof; and as we are one bone and one flesh, grant that we may be one also in spirit, loving each other with a sincere and chaste love, and serving Thee in singleness and pureness of heart. Fill us with all those good graces that may enable us to live a holy and unblameable life, that we may both be esteemed righteous before Thee, through the merits of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

From A.

And Children.

Bestow Thy favour, O Lord, upon our dear children. We have dedicated them to Thee by Baptism, and I earnestly entreat Thee that all their future tempers and conduct may prove that they are indeed regenerated by Thy Holy Spirit, and Thy children by adoption and grace. Incline them, Lord, to seek Thee early. Open their hearts to receive in the love of it the truth as it is in Jesus; and

may the word of Christ dwell in them richly in all wisdom. Make them to be obedient to their parents, attentive to their various duties, and diligent in their learning. Make them to will and to do only what is acceptable in Thy sight, and bless them now and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From I. G.

Intercession to the Son.

O Holy and adorable Jesu Christ, exalt the horn of Thy holy universal Church. Bless and spare all Bishops the Stewards of Thy mysteries, and all Curates who administer the same, and all Thy faithful people who attend upon their ministrations. Cherish and provide for the orphans, help the widows, strengthen the poor and broken in spirit, fill the hungry with good things, and multiply those who call upon Thy Holy Name. Pity and visit the heathen, and all those who know Thee not; be merciful unto them, and cause Thy face to shine upon them; that Thy way

may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. O hasten that time of blessed promise, when Thou shalt see of the travail of Thy soul, and shalt be satisfied; when all the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee; that by all, and in all things, and for all things, Thy blessed Name may be praised and glorified, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art one God, blessed for ever. Amen.

Partly A. L.; S. M.; Syr.

THANKSGIVING.

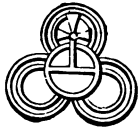
O FATHER Almighty, accept my unceasing thanks for all Thy benefits towards us; Who hast so commended Thy love to us, sinners and enemies, that Thou hast redeemed us with the precious blood of Thy Son, and sendest Thy Holy Spirit to help and sanctify us. Be pleased, O Lord, to continue Thy loving-

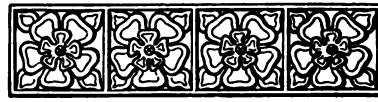
kindness to me, and keep me perpetually in Thy fear. Deliver my heart from all worldly concupiscence, and from all evil imaginations; that I may sincerely and joyfully give thanks unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; J. R.

Benedictory Prayer.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep me, and all belonging to me, this day and evermore. Amen.





Friday Morning.

Invocation.

O adorable God, Who art blessed by Angels, exalted by men, and adored and glorified by all Thy creatures; behold me Thy servant who call upon Thee, and grant that with a pure mind and heart I may offer to Thee holy prayers, an acceptable sacrifice, and that the fruit of my lips may be well pleasing to Thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; J. C.

For Pardon.

O God of infinite mercy, let Thy merciful compassion be moved towards me Thy sinful

creature, who call upon Thy Holy Name, penitently bewailing my sins and imploring Thy forgiveness. Shut not up Thy tender compassion on account of my iniquities, nor let Thy face be changed against me because of the multitude of my transgressions. For I humbly confess, O God, that I have done wickedly, unjustly, and foolishly, and have provoked Thee to anger day after day, neither have I truly observed even one of Thy commandments. Deal not therefore with me after my iniquities, neither render to me according to my deservings; but shew forth the help of Thy grace toward my evil nature; pour out the streams of Thy mercy upon my wickedness, and wash away my sins. Blot out in me whatsoever deserves Thy righteous indignation, and grant me a full pardon and absolution from my offences; shew the light of Thy countenance upon me and I shall be whole. O Lord, give me the victory over all the enemies of my salvation, that I may be remembered among the called to Thy kingdom, and be invited to sit down with Thee in

Heaven, and to enjoy the light of Thy favour for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; C. R. and Mar.; Spr.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

Psalms; and a Lesson.

The Collect for the Week.

For Unity.

O Lord, the God of peace and Author of union and concord between souls, compose, I beseech Thee, the dissensions which divide us from one another, and bring us back into that union of charity which hath some resemblance to Thy Divine Essence. And as Thou art One over all things, make us one in the unanimity of a good mind, that there may be no schism in the body of Thy Christ; but that we may all be bound together in simplicity of faith,

and in unity of doctrine, and in the love of Thee and of one another, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; S. B.

For Grace and Guidance.

O Lord our God, Who extendest the abundance of Thy grace over all things, Who givest us more than we ask, and dealest with us more benignantly than we can conceive, stretch over me Thy invisible hand, bless, and heal me. Thou, Who knowest whereof we are made, and that none born of woman can be justified before Thee, look upon the face of Thy anointed, and for His sake despise not Thy servant now kneeling before Thee. Forgive my many offences, and replenish my heart with the abundance of Thy grace; that, void of all sin, I may pass this and every day of my life in all godliness and honesty, and be made partaker of Thy heavenly and immortal gifts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; B.; A. M.

For Wife or Husband.

O God of infinite mercy, Who hast compassion on all men, and relievest the necessities of all that call to Thee for help, hear my prayers for my dear wife (*or* husband) and myself, that our union may be blessed to us both in things temporal and spiritual. O let the hand of Thy grace be upon her (*or* his) head, night and day; support *her* in all necessities, strengthen *her* in all temptations, comfort *her* in all *her* sorrows, and let *her* be Thy servant in all changes; and make us both to dwell with Thee for ever in Thy favour, in the light of Thy countenance, and in Thy glory. Amen.

From J. T.

And Children.

Bless our dear children with healthful bodies, with good understandings, with the graces and gifts of Thy Spirit, with sweet

dispositions and holy habits; and sanctify them throughout in their bodies, and souls, and spirits, and keep them unblameable unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ibid.

A GENERAL INTERCESSION.

O ALMIGHTY God, hear me in behalf of Thy Holy Church which Thou possessedst from the beginning, and hast redeemed with the precious Blood of Thy Son. Bless it, O Lord, and expel from it all pernicious disputes of heretical doctrines which tend to subvert its foundations and to weaken its bands of discipline. Bless the fathers of our Church, and all its pastors, especially (. . . . .), that they may be followers of the holy Apostles, even as they were followers of Christ. Bless our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; give her victory over all her enemies, and keep her in Thy stedfast faith and fear. Bless the Prince Albert, Albert Prince of Wales, and all the

Royal Family; preserve them in honour, and endue them with grace. Bless all Thy faithful people; the rich who impart of their good things to the poor of Thy Church, and the poor who strengthen it with their blessings and prayers. Have pity upon the widows and the fatherless, the sick and needy, and abundantly sustain them with Thy heavenly grace. And grant to us and Thy whole Church blameless lives, happy and prepared deaths, and an eternal possession and endless enjoyment of Thy heavenly kingdom, through Thine abundant mercy in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; C. R.

THANKSGIVING.

O LORD our God, I render Thee humble and hearty thanks for all Thy blessings and mercies to us, and above all that Thou hast thought us worthy of the redemption of Thy Son, and the sanctification of Thy Spirit. I thank Thee for Thy Word, Thy Sabbaths,

Thy Sacraments, and for the ministration of Thy Church. O continue to us these blessed means of grace, that they may be profitable to the remission of our sins, to our stedfast confirmation in Thy faith, to our daily growth in grace and holiness, to our observance of Thy holy Commandments, and to our acceptance before Thy Throne in the terrible day of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; to Whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

A. L.; I. R.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Saturday Morning.

Invocation.

O merciful God, Who givest pardon and consolation to the foolish and sinful, open the door of Thy compassion to my prayers, and receive my unworthy supplications according to the multitude of Thy mercies. Behold, Lord, I bow myself in heart and soul before Thee, praying and entreating of Thy goodness that Thou wouldest largely bestow upon me the riches of Thy grace and loving-kindness, and grant that with purity of mind and body I may offer to Thee holy worship and an acceptable offering, well pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; J. C.

For Pardon.

O Lord God, spare me, I beseech Thee, and put away all my iniquities, neither impute them unto me, for no man living is justified in Thy sight, neither hath any one, born of woman, ever been free from the stains of sin, save only Thy Blessed Son. I implore of the depth of Thy compassion, that Thou wilt be merciful unto me, who am weak and prone to sin, and that Thou wilt keep me from the hands of those by whom I may be led into pernicious error, tending to destruction. But grant that I may walk in Thy ways, and do Thy will, and find mercy, and an acceptable confidence in Thee: and in Thy good time a happy end, and boldness to stand before the terrible Throne of Thine Only-begotten Son, that then as now I may glorify and praise Thy blessed Name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

A. L.; E.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

Psalms; and a Lesson.

The Collect for the Week.

FOR GRACE AND PRESERVATION.

GRANT, O Lord, that I may live as becometh Thy saints, and make me worthy the portion of those who surround Thy Throne. Impart to me the doctrine of the Apostles, which affords a spiritual nourishment to those who receive it by faith; for Thou art the Helper of the poor, and the Relief of the needy, Who dost dispense to Thy creatures the means of life, and by many ways effect their preservation: Thou every day openest Thine hand, which is sufficient for all, and of Thy goodness fillest all things living with plenteousness. Deliver me, O Lord, from all

evil this day, and preserve me by Thy good providence, and turn from me and from all Thy creatures wrath and punishment, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; S.

For Wife or Husband.

Almighty God, Who at the first didst form woman out of man, knit together the hearts of Thy servant and his wife (*or* her husband) in that spiritual affection, which will last beyond the grave, and which will make us to be one in that heavenly state, where they neither marry nor are given in marriage. Here let us live as one with our Saviour, that we may there be united to Him for ever. And the more we enjoy the help and comfort which Thou hast provided for each in the other, let us be the more thankful unto Thee, Thou Giver of all good gifts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C. G.

AND CHILDREN.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast redeemed us and all the sons of Thy Holy Church with Thy most precious Blood; visit, and quicken, I humbly beseech Thee, *our* dear children, whom Thou by Holy Baptism hast made members of Thee, their Head and Saviour, and united into Thy family. And as Thou hast thus brought them into Thy fold, so do Thou help them by Thy right hand: count them with Thy lambs, govern them by Thy love, direct them in Thy way. Make them reverent and holy; teachable and observant of all heavenly precepts; temperate and chaste in their lives; dutiful and loving towards their parents; gentle, patient, and courteous to all. So, Lord, do Thou adorn them with the graces of Thy Spirit, assist them with Thy tender compassion, and sanctify them by Thy truth; that they may grow up in Thy holy ways, and render acceptable praise and adoration to

Thee, with Thy Father, and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Partly A. L.; B.; A. M.

Intercession for the Increase of Christ's Church on the Earth.

O Heavenly Father, Who in Thy Divine compassion for Thy wayward and wandering creatures, wast pleased to bruise the Only-begotten Son of Thy love, our Lord Jesus Christ, and hast put Him to grief, and hast made His soul an offering and a propitiation for the sins of the whole world; suffer not, I humbly beseech Thee, Thy gracious purpose to fail, but let it prosper in His hands, that He may see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied: that the barren which did not bear may shout for joy, and they that did not travail may break forth into singing, and cry aloud; and that Thy seed may burst forth with increase on the right hand and on the left, and may inherit the Gentiles, and

inhabit the desolate cities: when the Lord our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, the Maker and the Husband of His Church, shall be known among all nations, and shall be called the God of the whole earth: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, one God for evermore, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving.

Thrice Holy art Thou O God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Whom we and all Thy creatures adore and magnify, as subsisting in Three Persons, without any division of substance, One Invisible God. Who didst so love mankind, that when we had fallen from our original glory and likeness to Thee, and should have perished by transgression of Thy command, Thou didst send Thine Only-begotten Son for our salvation, who took upon Him our flesh, and made it Divine by an ineffable union, and prepared the way for our ascension into Heaven; having made perfect

our nature, and fulfilled the law: Who also didst send Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify us, and build us up for an habitation of the living God. O Lord, I cannot worthily praise Thee for this Thine unspeakable love; but do Thou add yet this one thing to Thy former gifts, that I may not be any longer unworthy of them, nor disappoint Thy grace, and cause Thee to repent of all Thy care for me; but that, ever seeking Thy glory in my whole life, I may come to Thy glory everlasting, and be made white in the blood of the spotless Lamb, through the grace and mercy of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. L.; Mar. Spr.

For Stedfastness of Purpose.

Now the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, stablish, strengthen, settle us; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

WATCH AND PRAY.

BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS
WHOM THE LORD, WHEN HE COMETH,
SHALL FIND WATCHING:
VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU,
THAT HE SHALL GIRD HIMSELF,
AND MAKE THEM TO SIT DOWN TO MEAT,
AND WILL COME FORTH TO SERVE THEM.
AND IF HE SHALL COME IN THE SECOND WATCH,
OR COME IN THE THIRD WATCH, AND FIND THEM SO,
BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS.

WHEREFORE THE RATHER, BRETHREN, GIVE DILIGENCE
TO MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE:
FOR IF YE DO THESE THINGS
YE SHALL NEVER FAIL:
FOR SO AN ENTRANCE SHALL BE MINISTERED UNTO YOU
ABUNDANTLY
INTO THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR,
JESUS CHRIST.

St. Luke xii. 37, 38. 2 Pet. i. 10, 11.

Prayers

FOR

SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

THE LORD IS NIGH

UNTO ALL THEM THAT CALL UPON HIM,

TO ALL THAT CALL UPON HIM IN TRUTH.

AND THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE

THAT WE HAVE IN HIM,

THAT IF WE ASK ANY THING

ACCORDING TO HIS WILL,

HE HEARETH US.

AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEAR US,

WHATSOEVER WE ASK,

WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS

THAT WE DESIRED OF HIM.

Ps. cxlv. 18. 1 John v. 14. 15.

Prayers for Special Occasions.

Thanksgiving and Prayer for the domestic happiness and virtuous example of the Queen and Royal Family[a].

O Lord our God, in Whose hand are the hearts of kings, and Who turnest them as the rivers of water whithersoever Thou wilt; we offer Thee our humble and hearty thanksgivings and prayers for our Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria, and her Royal Consort, the Prince Albert, whom by Thy happy providence Thou hast brought together in the holy estate of matrimony. We bless Thee for the grace Thou hast given unto them to live together in peace and love according to Thy laws, and that the influence of their domestic virtues hath so redounded to the honour and

[a] This Prayer may be used on any of the Royal Anniversaries, or more frequently.

purity of the throne and court, and for an example to all the families of this nation. Continue to them, we beseech Thee, Thy blessed favour, and replenish them with the multitude of Thy gifts, that they may constantly walk in Thy ways, and fear Thy Name, and abide in Thy love unto their lives' end. Bless them also, merciful Lord, in their royal offspring, and endue them both with parental vigilance in the training up their children in Thy nurture and admonition; that their sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and that their daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace. Preserve them all by Thy mighty power, and enrich them with the blessings of Thy grace, that, serving Thee in this world, in all godly and Christian living, to Thy praise and honour, they may see Thy Church in prosperity in all their lives long; and, in the time appointed by Thy gracious providence, inherit Thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

In time of sickness there are excellent prayers, suited to every variety of case, which may be found as well in the Office for the Visitation of the Sick, as in many admirable manuals in common use. A few however are here inserted, that they may be at hand on any emergency; and one, which may be offered for a person when the illness is of such a nature that perfect quiet has been prescribed.

A Prayer to be said in the beginning of a Sickness.

O Almighty God, merciful and gracious, Who in Thy justice didst send sorrow and tears, sickness and death into the world, as a punishment for man's sins, and hast comprehended all under sin and this sad covenant of sufferings, not to destroy us, but that Thou mightest have mercy upon all, making Thy justice to minister to mercy, short afflictions to an eternal weight of glory; as Thou hast been pleased to turn the sins of this Thy servant into illness, so turn, we beseech Thee, *his* sickness to the advantage of holiness and

religion, of mercy and pardon, of faith and hope, of grace and glory. Thou hast now called *him* to the fellowship of sufferings; Lord, relieve *his* sorrow and support *his* spirit, direct *his* thoughts, and sanctify *his* sickness, that the punishment of *his* sins may be to *him* a school of virtue. Make *him* behave as a son under discipline, humbly and obediently, evenly and patiently, that *he* may be brought by these means nearer unto Thee; that if *he* shall recover *his* former health, *he* may return to the world with greater strength of spirit, to run a new race of stricter holiness and more severe religion; or if *he* shall pass from hence through the gates of death, *he* may rejoice in the hope of being admitted into that Heavenly Society, in which all Thy saints and servants shall be comprehended to eternal ages. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

From J. T.[b]

[b] Very nearly as altered in "The Clergyman's Companion in Visiting the Sick."

ANOTHER.

O Lord, look down from Heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this Thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in Thee; defend *him* from the danger of the enemy; and keep him in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visitation Office.

A PRAYER FOR A SICK CHILD.

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from Heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness: visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies' sake; that if it shall be Thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and

doing good in *his* generation: or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake in the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Visitation Office.

Another; for an Infant.

Lord, pity the troubles and weakness of this our dear infant, and pity our sorrows, who are afflicted with *him*, and for *him*. Ease *him* of *his* pains, and strengthen *him* when *he* lies struggling for life. Raise *him* up again, if it shall please Thee, to grow in years and stature, in wisdom and virtue; and thereby to comfort us, and glorify Thee.

We believe, O Almighty Father, that Thou knowest best what is fit, both for *him* and for us, and wilt do what is fit for both; and

therefore we leave it to Thee, to dispose of *him* as Thou pleasest. But whether it be to life or death, let *him* be Thine in both, and either preserve *him* to be Thy true and faithful servant here on earth, or take *him* to the blessedness of Thy children in Heaven; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

From K.

A Prayer for either the Husband or Wife to use in the extreme Sickness of the other.

O Lord, Who killest and makest alive, Who bringest low and liftest up, there is none holy as Thou art, for there is none beside Thee; neither is there any rock like our God. I desire meekly to acknowledge Thy righteous hand in the heavy affliction with which Thou hast visited *us* through Thy servant my beloved husband (*or* wife), who now seemeth to be nigh unto death. I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused us

to be troubled. I know that, because of my sins, I should be dumb before Thee, and not open my mouth; for this is Thy doing. Yet, Lord, Thou art very merciful, and full of compassion: Thou sparest when we deserve punishment; Thou retainest not Thine anger for ever, because Thou delightest in mercy. The desire of my heart is not hidden from Thee; Thou knowest how I shrink from the blow which is impending over me (and our dear children). I therefore cast myself upon Thy tender compassion, humbly praying that it may be Thy gracious will, if it seem fit unto Thee and for our greater good, mercifully to remove this stroke from Thy servant, who is well nigh consumed by the blow of Thine hand. O Let Thy loving mercies come unto *him* that *he* may live. Speak, Lord, the gracious word, which shall send health into *his* bones. Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver *his* soul: O save *him* for Thy mercy's sake.

And yet, O Heavenly Father, if Thou be pleased to determine otherwise concerning *him*, let us not repine; but dispose *our hearts*

to a meek and quiet submission to Thy righteous will. O Lord, replenish *his* soul with the fulness of grace, and faith, and filial confidence in Thee, through the Son of Thy love; and lead *him* gently through the gates of death into Thy glad and glorious presence, through the prevailing merits and intercession of the same Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for a Wife to use when her Husband is in any great distress.

O Heavenly Father, Who art very pitiful and of tender compassion, lend Thy merciful ear to my petitions in behalf of Thy servant my beloved husband, who is now in great distress and perplexity of mind (by reason of [*here name*[c] *the particular cause*]), and

[c] If the grief can be expressed in words, it is better on every account to do so, and as briefly as may be. But if otherwise, let it at least be recalled to the mind distinctly, though, it may be, rapidly. For although our desires are known unto God before we can even frame them into language, it is no little comfort that we derive from spreading our whole case before the Lord when we seek Him in prayer.

whose spirit is overwhelmed within him. Teach him, O Lord, that affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground, but that Thou ordainest all things, and hast appointed his present trial. Restrain him therefore, O Lord, from sinning against Thee by complaining of Thy rod, and enable him both to hope and quietly to wait for Thy salvation. Pity him, gracious Father; and in the multitude of the sorrows that he hath in his heart, let Thy comforts refresh his soul. Restore him to his former confidence in Thee, and let this present disappointment wean his heart from too much carefulness for worldly things; and bring us both to a more quiet submission to Thy righteous will, and a more perfect reliance on Thy never-failing grace and love, through Him Who hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A WIFE TO OFFER FOR HER HUSBAND, LEST HE BE TOO ANXIOUS ABOUT WORLDLY THINGS: ALSO FOR A REASONABLE SUCCESS IN HIS AFFAIRS.

O THOU Who hearest prayer, let Thy merciful ears be attentive to the petitions of Thine handmaid, who from her heart entreats Thy preventing and sustaining grace for her dear husband. The crowding cares of this world, its labour and travail, surround and exhaust him: O Thou good Husbandman, let not these ever-springing thorns prevail to choke the good seed which Thou sowest; but let the dew of Thy Holy Spirit water it, that it may bring forth good fruit. Amidst all his temptations, perplexities, and crosses, let not sin darken the approach to Thy mercy-seat, but casting all his care upon Thee, may he of Thee find help and peace.

Yet, O gracious Lord, do Thou, according to Thy good pleasure, prosper his undertakings, and grant him good success in all

things agreeable to Thy will: only let not his heart be overcharged with the cares of this life; but putting his whole trust in Thy wisdom and love, may he contentedly and thankfully resign himself in all things to Thy most righteous disposal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The remaining Prayers are to be used by the husband and wife together.

For the Anniversary of Marriage; or close of the Year.

O Almighty and gracious Father, we humbly and heartily thank Thee that Thou hast mercifully brought us in safety and happiness to the close of this (first &c.) year of our union, (*or*, of this year,) and for Thy great goodness and loving-kindness vouchsafed to us and our dear children during the course of it. Forgive, we pray Thee, O merciful God, whatsoever Thy holy eyes have seen amiss in us during our wedded life,

whatever of wilfulness and impatience we have shewn in our behaviour to each other, and whatever ingratitude we have manifested by our conduct towards Thee, Who in Thy good providence broughtest us together. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for every occasion whereby we have shewn, by thought, word, or deed, that we were undeserving of, and lightly esteemed, such Thy great goodness to us. Forgive, O Lord, both Thy servant, and Thine handmaid; and give us grace to seek Thee more earnestly and entirely for the time to come, and to love each other with a more fervent, pure, and self-denying affection. Go on, we beseech Thee, to be gracious to us (and to the dear children whom Thou hast given us,) through the ensuing year, and for as long as Thou mayest be pleased to continue us together in this world; that we may be more observant of Thee and of Thy undeserved grace, more diligent to promote Thy glory, more affectionately bound to each other, and more careful and vigilant in the training up our

children in Thy nurture and admonition. [Especially, O merciful Lord, have regard unto Thy handmaid, granting her a continuance of health during her pregnancy, a humble reliance on Thy fatherly care of her, and a happy and a joyful issue thereto.] Grant these our humble supplications, and accept our thanksgivings, most gracious Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our compassionate Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Prayers before Childbirth. One to be used with the nightly devotions.

I. Almighty God, the Father of all mercy and comfort, of whose only gift it is, that the womb becometh fruitful; graciously behold Thy humble and unworthy handmaid; that as by Thy good providence she hath conceived a child within her womb, into which Thou hast breathed a spirit of life, so by Thy continual aid she may be preserved with it from all perils; and at the

fulness of her time may safely bring it forth into the world, to the joy and comfort of our souls, and to the glory of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C.

OR, AS THE TIME DRAWS NEARER, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING.

II. MERCIFUL Lord, Who when Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man didst not abhor the Virgin's womb, but when the fulness of time came wast Thyself made of a woman; we beseech Thee for Thy tender pity and goodness to protect and strengthen this Thine handmaid against all the danger and pains of her labour and travail; that through Thy most mighty aid she may be safely delivered of this happy fruit which Thou hast created in her womb. And when it is born and brought forth into the world, vouchsafe also that it may be born again by Baptism, and brought up in Thy holy religion, till it be finally brought to Thine everlasting kingdom;

where, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

C.

III. O LORD God, Who art the Father of them that trust in Thee, and shewest mercy to a thousand generations of them that fear Thee; have mercy upon this Thy servant now great with child; be pleased to give her a joyful and safe deliverance. And let Thy grace preserve the fruit of her womb, and conduct our offspring to the holy sacrament of Baptism, that our babe, as yet unborn, may there be regenerated by Thy Spirit, and adopted into Thy family, and the portion and duty of a child of God, to live thereafter to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

From J. T.

THANKSGIVING AFTER CHILDBIRTH.

GRACIOUS God, by whose providence we

are all fearfully and wonderfully made, Who beholdest us when we are yet imperfect, and in whose book are all our members written; we humbly beg Thee to accept this our reverence of Thy power, and to receive this our most hearty praise and thanksgiving, which we now offer to Thy Divine majesty, for Thy blessed favour and goodness towards Thine handmaid, in vouchsafing to assist her during the time of this her dangerous travail, and to bless her with a joyful benediction, even the fruit of her own womb. Continue, we most humbly beseech Thee, Thy gracious care over her, and restore her in Thy good time to health and strength; and fill our hearts with gratitude and our lips with Thy praise. Behold, O Lord, what Thine own hands alone have fashioned; and grant that this little infant which Thou hast made by Thy power, may be preserved by Thy goodness, and forthwith enjoying the benefit of Thy Holy Baptism, may be made a lively member of Thy Church, and be carefully brought up to serve Thee in all godliness and honesty; through

the merits of Thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From C.

Prayer before Baptism.

O merciful Lord Jesu, Who wast pleased by Thy nativity to be made of a woman, and by circumcision to be made under the law, that Thou mightest redeem them that were under the law; Who didst also condescend to be baptized of John in Jordan, that Thou mightest fulfil all righteousness; and, after Thou hadst established a new and better covenant with mankind, making old the first, and hadst ratified it with the seal of Thy most bitter passion and death, didst institute the holy Sacrament of Baptism, as a sign to all Thy disciples in every nation of the cleansing of the soul from sin by Thy most precious Blood, and as a means whereby the gifts and graces of Thy Holy Spirit may be bestowed; look graciously, we most earnestly entreat

Thee, upon our dear infant, whom we are about to dedicate to Thee in Holy Baptism.

Remember Thy gracious promise of the remission of sins, which is unto us and to our children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to call *him* to Thyself, the door of the sheep, that *he* may enter in with the chosen lambs of Thy flock, and be saved, and may go in and out and find pasture. Cleanse *him* from all defilements of the flesh which *he* hath inherited from us *his* sinful parents, and create in *him* a clean heart and a new spirit. Fulfil *him*, O Lord, with the grace of Thy Blessed Spirit, and receive *him* into Thy holy Church; that *he* may be no longer a child of wrath and of the flesh, but a child of grace, and an inheritor of Thy kingdom. And help *him* evermore by Thy right hand against all the enemies of *his* salvation; of Thy tender compassion assist *him* against all temptations, and save *him* by Thy cross: that in Thy good time, *he*, with us and all ours, may be called to Thy Marriage Feast in the eter-

nal kingdom, where Thou reignest, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Baptism.

O most gracious and merciful Father, we devoutly thank Thee for all the great and precious benefits which Thou hast conveyed to us in the blessed laver of regeneration, whereby we have been washed, and sanctified, and justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. We thank Thee especially at this time that Thou hast vouchsafed by Thy holy Sacrament of Baptism to receive our dear infant into the ark of Thy Church, and to count *him* among the sheep of Thy fold. Let Thy continual blessing be upon *him*, we most humbly pray Thee; and grant unto *him* all the privileges of the adoption whereby Thou hast taken him to the number of Thy children. Nourish *him*, good Lord, with the bread of life, and give

him living water to drink, that it may be in *him* a well of water springing up into everlasting life. Grant us likewise Thy heavenly grace, that if it should please Thee to continue *him* in life, we may be diligent to feed *him* early with the sincere milk of the word, that *he* may grow thereby, and taste of Thy graciousness, and become worthy in Thy good time to be fed with strong meat; that *he* with us, and all whom Thou hast entrusted to our care, may grow up in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of Thy Son, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Grant this, O God, Who art rich in mercy, for Thy great love wherewith Thou hast loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary of Baptism.

If of a child, and of sufficient age, let him be brought into the usual place of prayer, and be there reminded of the

day, and of the solemn obligations wherewith he was bound in his baptism.

O LORD, heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thine infinite goodness towards Thy servant, (*or* handmaid, *or* this our dear child N.——) when *he* was born in sin, and was no other than an heir of everlasting wrath, didst vouchsafe that *he* should as upon this day be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, in the blessed laver of Baptism, being thereby made a member of Christ and an heir of eternal life; for this Thine inestimable favour we do here gratefully commemorate that happy day, and with most humble and hearty will we do extol the abundant riches of Thy glorious grace. Enable *him* now, O Lord, (in our presence, and) in Thy sight, and in the sight of Thy holy angels, with all the company of heaven, to renew that sacred vow which was made in *his* name, to forsake this wicked world, and to live as a Christian ought to do, in obedience to Thy holy faith and commandments: and we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy

great mercy to pardon *him* all former breaches of *his* solemn promise, and to endue *him* with the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that henceforth *he* may walk in newness of life, worthy of that blessed estate whereunto Thou hast called *him*, and keeping *himself* unspotted of the world, the flesh, and the devil, *he* may die daily unto sin, for which cause *he* was baptized into the death of Christ: and as *he* hath had *his* part this day in the first regeneration, so we may both (*or*, so he, with us and all ours, may) at the last day have our part in the second and great regeneration of the world, to live and reign with Thee for ever, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From C.

On a Birthday.

To be used as the preceding prayer, either by the husband and wife alone, or with a child.

Almighty God, the Father and Maker of

all things, by Whose blessed goodness we were fearfully and wonderfully made in our mothers' womb, and unto Whose blessed providence we have been left ever since we were born, and hung upon our mothers' breast; we praise and magnify Thy glorious Name for this Thy great goodness to Thy servant; (*or*, handmaid; *or*, this our dear child N.—;) most humbly beseeching Thee that we may both (*or*, all) be taught to number our days and to apply our hearts unto wisdom; that we may know to what end we were born, and had both body and life given us, even to serve Thee the living God; that we may bewail our sinful years past, and spend the rest of our time here in a godly, righteous, and sober life; that as *he* has now finished —— years of *his* life here in Thy favour, so *he* may continue and finish up the remainder of *his* days in Thy fear; and that, as Thou didst upon this day take *him* out of *his* mother's womb to live here a little time, so Thou mayest at the last day take us both (*or*, all) out of our mother's womb again, even the grave and womb of the

earth, to live with Thee for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From C.

BEFORE A JOURNEY.

To be used by either husband or wife for the other, or by both together for a child.

O MERCIFUL Lord, our Protector and Guide, Who art here and everywhere present, *I* humbly commend into Thy hands *my* beloved husband, (wife, or child N—,) now about to commence a journey. Let Thy presence, *I* pray Thee, go with *him*, or else carry *him* not forth. And, as Thou didst go up with Thy people Israel, and lead them through the wilderness, so let the Angel of Thy presence accompany Thy servant; prosper *his* journey, bless *his* going out and *his* coming in, and conduct *him* throughout in peace and safety, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER A JOURNEY.

To be said by either husband or wife, alone or together, for the safety of either or both, or of any of their children.

O THOU Who didst save Peter in the waves, and Paul in shipwreck, and dost preserve Thy people in journeyings often and in perils both by sea and land; *we* heartily thank Thee for carrying *us* (*or*, Thy servant N. . . . . .) in safety through the dangers of a long journey, and bringing *us* home (*or*, to the end of it) in peace and comfort. We bless Thee, O God, for all the things that Thou hast done for us, and we magnify Thy Name for this additional mercy vouchsafed unto us. O that we may turn to Thee with our whole heart, and with our whole mind, and deal uprightly before Thee, that Thou mayest not hide Thy face from us, but have mercy continually upon us, Thy children and servants, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FOR A CHILD ON LEAVING HOME.

SUFFER us, O Lord, in all humility to bring our dear child, N—, before Thee, to implore Thy blessing on *him*, and to place *him* in Thy hands before *he* leaves us to enter a world of trial and temptation. Keep and preserve *him*, as it seemeth best to Thy Divine wisdom, in all health and safety, both of body and soul. Without Thee *he* can do nothing, therefore we beseech Thee to work in *him* both to will and to do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight. May the fear and love of Thee, O God, be shed abroad in *his* heart by the power of the Holy Ghost; bringing forth their blessed fruits of love and obedience, purity, and truth. O lead *him* not into temptation, but deliver *him* from the evil. Subdue, we beseech Thee, the fault and corruption of *his* nature, and look upon *him* in Thine own most blessed Son; and for His alone sake and merits make *him* a vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for Thy holy and happy service, and prepared

unto every good work, acceptable unto Thee; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SAID BY PARENTS PREVIOUS TO THE MARRIAGE OF ANY OF THEIR CHILDREN[d].

I. O MOST glorious God and gracious Father, since by Thy dispensation and over-ruling providence our dear child N.——— is about to change his (*or*, her) condition, and enter into the holy state of marriage, which Thou hast sanctified by Thy institution, and blessed by Thy word and promises, and raised up to an excellent mystery, that it might represent the union with Christ and His Church; be pleased to go along with Thy servant in *his* entering into and passing through this state, that it may not be a state of temptation or sorrow, by occasion of *his* sins or infirmities, but of holiness and comfort, as Thou hast in-

[d] If of a daughter, let her be referred to Bishop Taylor's Golden Grove, where she will find the substance of these prayers as originally suited to her private use.

tended it to all that love and fear Thy holy Name. Amen.

II. LORD, bless and preserve that dear person whom Thou hast chosen to be his wife (*or*, her husband): let his life be long and blessed, comfortable and holy; and let her also become a great blessing and comfort unto him, a sharer in all his joys, a refreshment in all his sorrows, a meet helper for him in all accidents and chances of the world. Make her ever amiable in his eyes, and very dear to him. Unite his heart to her in the dearest union of love and holiness, and hers to him in all sweetness, and charity, and compliance. Keep from him all moroseness and ungentleness, all sullenness and harshness of disposition, all pride and unkind reserve; and from her all vanity and self-seeking, all discontent and unreasonableness of passion and humour; and make her humble and obedient, kind and loving, patient and contented, useful and observant; that they may delight in each other according to Thy blessed word and ordinance,

and both of them may rejoice in Thee, having their portion in the love and service of God for ever and ever. Amen.

III. O BLESSED Father, never suffer any mistakes or discontent, any distrustfulness or sorrow, any trifling jealousies or untoward accidents, to cause any unkindness between them: but let them so dearly love, so affectionately observe, so religiously attend to each other's good and content, that they may always please Thee, and by this learn and practise their duty and greatest love to Thee, and become mutual helps to each other in the way of godliness; that when they have received the blessings of a married life, the comforts of society, the endearments of a holy and great affection, and the dowry of blessed children, they may for ever dwell together in the embraces of Thy love and glories, feasting in the marriage supper of the Lamb to eternal ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From J. T.

THANKSGIVING, ON THE DELIVERANCE OF A CHILD FROM AN IMMINENT DANGER, TO LIFE OR LIMB.

O MOST gracious and loving Father, enable us to give acceptable utterance to the praise and thankfulness which swells our hearts at the thought of Thy watchful care over our dear helpless babe (*or*, child) this day. We humbly and gratefully acknowledge Thy gracious hand which spared, though we are ever deserving of punishment. [Thou hast now for the second (*or*, third &c.) time, in Thy great compassion and loving-kindness, preserved a child of Thy servants from a great and imminent hazard, which threatened a far heavier affliction than Thou hast in Thy tenderness permitted to befall us. We desire, O Lord, thankfully to recall that (*or*, those) former instance(s) of Thy mercy, and to renew our thanks for these, as well as all other innumerable proofs of Thy watchful protection.] O accept our thanksgiving for Thy great goodness to us, and grant that we may ever retain

a more lively sense of Thy constant superintending Providence, which numbereth the very hairs of our heads, and without which not even a sparrow falleth to the ground. O fill our hearts with love to Thy glorious Name; and grant, O Lord, that the dear child (*or* children) whom Thou hast mercifully snatched from danger, and all ours whom Thou preservest continually, may be brought up in Thy holy fear, and live to Thy glory, through our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer to be said in any affliction, as death of children, of husband or wife.

O eternal God, Father of all mercies, and God of all comfort, with much mercy look upon the afflictions and sorrows of Thy servants. Thou hast removed my soul far from peace; I have forgotten prosperity:

And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord!

My sins lie heavy upon me, and press me sore, and there is no health in my bones by

reason of Thy displeasure and my sin. The waters are gone over me, and I stick fast in the deep mire, and my miseries are without comfort, because they are punishments of my sin: and I am so evil and unworthy a person, that though I have great desires, yet I have no disposition or worthiness toward receiving comfort. My sins have caused my sorrow, and my sorrow does not cure my sins: and unless, for Thy own sake, and merely because Thou art good, Thou shalt pity and relieve me, I am as much without remedy, as now I am without comfort.

But though Thou cause grief, yet wilt Thou have compassion according to the multitude of Thy mercies: for Thou dost not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

Lord, pity me; Lord, let Thy grace refresh my spirit. Let Thy comforts support me, Thy mercy pardon me, and never let my portion be amongst hopeless and accursed spirits; for Thou art good and gracious; and I throw myself upon Thy mercy. Let me never let my hold go, and do Thou with me what seems

good in Thine eyes. I cannot suffer more than I have deserved: and yet I can need no relief so great as Thy mercy is; for Thou art infinitely more merciful than I can be miserable; and Thy mercy, which is above all Thy own works, must needs be far above all my sins and all my misery. O blessed Jesus, let me trust in Thee for ever, and let me never be confounded. Amen.

From J. T.

Lord God Almighty, bless *me* (and *my* dear children), and establish *my heart* by the abundant aids of Thy grace; be *my* Instructor in all good works; give *me* consolation, peace, and salvation; nourish in *me* all spiritual comforts; enlarge and strengthen *my* charity, and enable *me* to do and suffer whatever Thou shalt require of *me:* remove from *me* the guilt of those sins which *I* have committed, purify *my* soul, and defend *me* from all evil; and from all the machinations of *my* ghostly enemy. Lord, sanctify *me* throughout, that *I* may be lowly, perfect, and entire, both in

body and soul; and be preserved blameless in both unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be then received into His glorious kingdom, through the same Thy Son, our Anointed Saviour. Amen.

From E.

THE TIME IS SHORT:

IT REMAINETH,

THAT BOTH THEY THAT HAVE WIVES

BE AS THOUGH THEY HAD NONE;

AND THEY THAT WEEP, AS THOUGH THEY WEPT NOT;

AND THEY THAT REJOICE,

AS THOUGH THEY REJOICED NOT;

AND THEY THAT BUY,

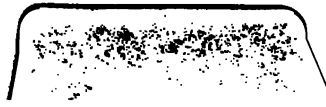
AS THOUGH THEY POSSESSED NOT;

AND THEY THAT USE THIS WORLD,

AS NOT ABUSING IT:

FOR THE FASHION OF THIS WORLD

PASSETH AWAY.

1 Cor. vii. 29—31.

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